

The Highland Council

Lochaber Area Committee
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Education Scotland Reports – period August 2013 To November 2013

Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport Service

Summary

This report provides details on Education Scotland’s inspections of schools in the Lochaber Area during the period August 2013 to November 2013, for Members scrutiny and monitoring.

1:0 INTRODUCTION TO INSPECTIONS

Education Scotland aims to provide assurance on the quality of Scottish education and promote improvement and innovation to enhance learners’ experiences and lead to better outcomes. School inspections also contribute to National Performance Framework reporting.

Each year, Education Scotland inspect and report on the quality of education in a sample of pre-school centres, primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, community learning and development services, colleges and residential educational provision. They also inspect the education functions of local authorities.

To support improvement, inspectors focus on the quality of children and young people’s learning and achievement. They have a particular interest in the development of children and young people’s skills and understanding in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing which enables access to the highest possible learning within a broad general education and beyond.

Details of all aspects of the work of Education Scotland along with all the reference documentation can be found on the Education Scotland website. Link: [Education Scotland](#)

2:0 INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED

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SCHOOL	AREA	INSPECTION DATE	NATURE OF INSPECTION	PUBLICATION DATE
UPPER ACHINTORE P.S.	Lochaber ASG	3 June 2013	Routine	27 August 2013

Improvement in performance	Learners’ experiences	Meeting Learning Needs	The Curriculum	Improvements through self-evaluation	Improvement in Performance (Nursery)	Children’s Experiences (Nursery)	Meeting Learning Needs (Nursery)
Good	Good	Good	Very Good	Good	Good	Very Good	Good

SCHOOL	AREA	INSPECTION DATE	NATURE OF INSPECTION	PUBLICATION DATE
MUCK P.S.	Mallaig ASG	9 September 2013	Routine	29 October 2013

Improvement in performance	Learners' experiences	Meeting Learning Needs	The Curriculum	Improvement through self-evaluation	Improvement in Performance (Nursery)	Children's Experiences (Nursery)	Meeting Learning Needs (Nursery)
Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good

SCHOOL	AREA	INSPECTION DATE	NATURE OF INSPECTION	PUBLICATION DATE
INVERLOCHY P.S.	Lochaber ASG	16 September 2013	Routine	5 November 2013

Improvement in performance	Learners' experiences	Meeting Learning Needs	The Curriculum	Improvements through self-evaluation	Improvement in Performance (Nursery)	Children's Experiences (Nursery)	Meeting Learning Needs (Nursery)
Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good

SCHOOL	AREA	INSPECTION DATE	NATURE OF INSPECTION	PUBLICATION DATE
LADY LOVAT P.S.	Mallaig ASG	23 September 2013	Routine	29 October 2013

Improvement in performance	Learners' experiences	Meeting Learning Needs	The Curriculum	Improvements through self-evaluation
Good	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory

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The relevant Education Scotland reports published during the period covered by this report are available through these links:

Report Upper Achintore Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/UpperAchintorePSIns270813_tcm4-813624.pdf

Evaluation Upper Achintore Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/UpperAchintorePSAIE270813_tcm4-813625.pdf

Report Muck Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/MuckPSNCIns291013_tcm4-817738.pdf

Evaluation Muck Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/MuckPSNCQItemplate5136628_tcm4-817739.pdf

Report Inverloch Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/InverlochPSNCIns051113_tcm4-818198.pdf

Evaluation Inverloch Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/InverlochPSAIE051113_tcm4-818199.pdf

Report Lady Lovat Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/LadyLovatPSIns291013_tcm4-817728.pdf

Evaluation Lady Lovat Primary School:

http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/LadyLovatPSAIE291013_tcm4-817729.pdf

Appendix 1 – Reference to school evaluations

3:0 ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF INSPECTION

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The Authority and Head Teacher are provided with both the report and a 'Record of Inspection Findings' (RIF).

These documents evidence both good practice and areas for improvement. Using this the school will adapt its school 'Improvement Plan' and report annually the impact on learners through the annual Standards and Quality Report.

4:0 COMPARISON

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Members are advised that it is not possible to use Education Scotland reports to compare across schools, as the curriculum is now tailored by schools to their individual circumstances, within the overall quality indicators.

Furthermore, it is not possible to compare previous reports for a school with more recent reports. This is due to changes in the inspection focus from year to year.

Link: http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/ESInspectionAdviceNote20132014_tcm4-809751.pdf

Consequently, reports have to be viewed as a single snap-shot of a schools performance, against a suite of national quality indicators as laid down in How Good Is Our School³ and Child at The Centre for Nursery Education.

5:0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Area Committee is asked to scrutinise and monitor Education Scotland reports through this report.

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