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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Renfrew High School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher's strong leadership of school improvement, and his work with staff to embed a positive culture which benefits all young people.
- The very effective use of information about young people's wellbeing which ensures that their needs are well met, and that they make good progress.
- The very positive environment within the pupil support area for young people, especially those with additional needs. This, alongside the commitment of all staff to promoting nurturing and inclusive relationships across the school, leads to improved outcomes for all young people.
- The improvement in the proportion of young people achieving a range of Higher passes in S5 and S6.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Renfrewshire Council.

- Streamline and simplify approaches to planning for improvement in the school. In particular, plans should be based on the school's evaluation of its own work. They should make clear what needs to improve and how. This will help bring about continuous improvement in young people's experiences and achievements.
- Continue to review the curriculum to make sure it provides appropriate and progressive learning pathways for young people at all stages.
- Continue to develop monitoring and tracking systems to ensure that young people attain as highly as possible.
- Continue to work to ensure consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Renfrew High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our school? (4th edition) , Appendix 3: The six-point scale .	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8630534>.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ann Floyd
HM Inspector