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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Fergus' RC Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The respectful and caring relationships between children and adults. Children are polite, well-mannered and proud of their school. They are supported well by staff to learn in a nurturing and inclusive environment.
- The effective teamwork amongst staff. All staff work well to develop their individual and collective skills to help improve children's experiences and outcomes.
- Staff's approaches to monitor children's progress in their learning and achievement. This is helping children across the school to make good progress in their learning.
- Opportunities for children in the enhanced and specialist provisions to learn in the local and wider community. These experiences are supporting children well to develop important life skills and build confidence and resilience.

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

- Teachers should ensure that all learning activities are well-matched to the needs of all children. In doing so, they should ensure the pace of learning in lessons is brisker.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to share practice to develop consistently high-quality approaches to learning and teaching across the school. This should include children more regularly leading and taking responsibility for their own learning.
- Staff should help children to identify and talk about the skills they are developing through the range of activities they experience.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 St Fergus' RC Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [St Fergus' RC Primary School | Education Scotland](#)

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. Dundee City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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HM Inspector