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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Andrew's RC Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the temporary senior management team, local authority support and staff.

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

- Children who are highly articulate, polite and keen to learn.
- Partnership working across the school and local community which enhances children's learning experiences.
- Staff who create a welcoming environment for learning where children feel Included. The improved sense of identity and higher aspirations driven by the acting headteacher have created a climate ready for change.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the temporary senior management and representatives from Argyll and Bute Council.

- Improve attainment in literacy and numeracy across all areas of learning.
- Develop high quality approaches to learning, teaching and assessment to ensure all children build on what they already know so they make the best possible progress.
- Develop a curriculum rationale and learning pathways that fully reflect the school's vision and values, and meet the needs of children and their families.
- The pace of change needs to be increased and supported by approaches to improvement which have clear targets that are regularly reviewed. This should include the development of a system which clearly identifies children's progress, learning and achievement.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Andrew's RC Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4437>

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Argyll and Bute Council regarding the school's capacity to improve and request an update in the form of a report from the authority in 12 months. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 18 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Argyll and Bute Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Mary Ann Hagan  
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