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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Aloysius' College and Kindergarten. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and young people, and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The highly effective and measured leadership of the headteacher who is leading very positive change across the college. He has quickly gained the respect and trust of stakeholders across the whole college community. Aply supported by the senior leadership team, the headteacher has a clear vision for the continued improvement of the college. Senior leaders are very positive role models and reflect very well the stated values of the college.
- The very positive ethos which permeates across the college campus. Children, young people and staff demonstrate very respectful relationships with each other. Children and young people are extremely polite and well-behaved. They demonstrate very well the Jesuit values and provide outstanding service to many in the local community and beyond. This includes a wide range of exceptional charity and voluntary work.
- Across the whole staff team, there is a collective commitment to ensuring that all children and young people feel valued and are supported to make the best possible progress in their learning.
- The well-embedded approaches to learning and teaching and support for learning enables children and young people to achieve very high standards of attainment and achievement.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher.

- Continue to take forward school improvement priorities as planned and share the very good practice in learning and teaching across the college campus.
- Continue to develop approaches to learning and teaching in the kindergarten to enable children to lead their own learning. In doing so, ensure children experience improved learning experiences which help them to be curious and develop better their creativity skills.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). 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 Aloysius' College and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the school	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Inspection and review | 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. The school's Board of Governors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of the school.

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