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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Hazelwood School and Nursery Class. 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.

- Led by the headteacher, the school and nursery has a welcoming and supportive culture where all learners feel safe and cared for.
- Staff work well together as a team. They are skilled at providing personal support. They are dedicated to enhancing their skills further to help improve outcomes for children and young people.

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

- Review the school's approaches to learning and teaching, including the use of digital technologies, to ensure all children and young people are engaged as fully as possible. Teachers and child development officers need to raise their expectations of children's and young people's attainment and achievement.
- Develop the curriculum, in line with national advice and guidance, to ensure all children and young people experience consistently well planned learning pathways. In doing so, increase the number of qualifications and awards children and young people can achieve.
- Improve approaches to assessment and tracking of children's and young people's progress. Teachers need to work together and with colleagues from other schools to develop a shared understanding of standards and expectations across learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Hazelwood School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/glasgow-city/8441243>

What happens next?

We are not at present confident from our visit that the school has effective arrangements for ensuring continuing improvement in the quality of education for all learners. We will return within one year to explore this further. After the return inspection we will report our findings to you.

Sue Williams
HM Inspector