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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Holy Cross 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 highly effective, caring leadership of the headteacher and senior leadership team. Together, they empower children, parents and staff to lead and make genuine and valuable contributions to the life of the school and beyond.
- The strong sense of community based on the school and Gospel values. This contributes to the warm, positive and nurturing relationships across the school. As a result, children learn in a happy and inclusive community of faith and learning.
- The welcoming, friendly and polite children. They are proud of their school, keen to learn and engage very well with their learning activities.
- Staff who work very effectively with each other and collaboratively with partners to promote wellbeing, inclusion and achievements. This work is underpinned by a commitment to professional learning.
- The whole staff team's very effective approach to support children new to English language to learn to speak English confidently in a short time. This supports children to settle into school, progress in their language learning and make friends quickly.

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

- Build on recent improvements in attainment in literacy and numeracy to continue to improve attainment for all children, in these areas and across the curriculum.
- Continue to ensure that all children are appropriately challenged and become leaders in their learning.

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 Holy Cross Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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. Glasgow 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