

19 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Rockwell Learning Centre. 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.

- Caring, nurturing relationships between young people and staff. This is supporting young people to feel safe, valued and respected.
- Working effectively with partners to develop young people's skills for life and work and improve their wellbeing.

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

- The senior management team need to provide a clearer direction for school improvement. This should include more leadership opportunities for young people and staff.
- Ensure more consistent high quality learning and teaching across the school. Increase expectations of what young people can achieve.
- Develop the curriculum in line with national guidance.
- Improve the quality of individualised planning, assessment and tracking of young people's progress.

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 Rockwell Learning Centre

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</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/inspection-reports/dundee-city/5320038>

### 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 Dundee City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Dundee City 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.

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HM Inspector