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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Oswald's Secondary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Staff meet consistently young people's health and wellbeing needs with care, consideration and dignity. This results in a calm and nurturing school environment where young people feel safe and happy.
- Across the school, there is a warm and welcoming culture where young people trust adults and respect each other. Young people have the confidence to express their views freely and their opinions are valued.
- Attainment at the school is improving in S4 to S6. Young people are leaving school with a number of qualifications. St Oswald's provides a wide range of courses which meet their learners' needs successfully.

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

- Across the school, young people need a greater level of challenge and should have access to consistently high-quality learning experiences. Teachers should focus on making sure that young people are always working on interesting activities, which suit their abilities.
- In S1-S3, teachers need to continue to raise attainment and achievement and strengthen tracking and monitoring to support this. This will help teachers understand better the progress young people are making.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 Oswald's Secondary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: 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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=4715>

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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