

29 January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Maria Goretti 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.

- Polite, well-behaved children who are proud of their school. Staff who are committed to developing positive relationships, which is resulting in a calm, positive ethos.
- Across the school staff have improved confidence in the learning and teaching of numeracy. This has been effectively supported by the Challenge Leader of Learning.
- The good progress in English for children with an additional language. They are very well supported by specialist staff.

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

- To increase the pace of change to raise attainment, the leadership team needs to provide stronger leadership and direction to the work of the school.
- To ensure children receive high quality of teaching and learning in all classes across the school staff should develop a shared understanding of assessment and ensure that this informs planned learning.
- Staff should work together to develop more robust approaches to monitoring and tracking attainment and achievement.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 St Maria Goretti Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</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/glasgow-city/8425426> .

### What happens next?

We will ask Glasgow City Council for a report on progress with the agreed areas for improvement within one year of the publication of this letter. Taking account of the progress report, we will then decide whether further engagement with the school is required. This may involve another inspection visit. We will write to you again detailing the improvements the school has made and outlining any further action that we intend to take, as agreed with Glasgow City Council.

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 Managing Inspector