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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Sandwood 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 strategic leadership of the highly skilled headteacher, ably supported by the senior leadership team. This is bringing about improvements to the school's learning and teaching. Their relentless approach to ensuring equal opportunities for all children is supporting families in the school community.
- Highly effective strategies for improving children's wellbeing and inclusion delivered by staff and partners across the school. These initiatives are having a very positive impact on children's attitudes to learning and achieving in school.
- The welcoming and friendly children who are proud of their school and who support each other well.
- Highly motivated staff who are leading significant aspects of school improvement and engaging very well in focused professional learning. This is supporting well staff confidence in delivering the curriculum and in improvements in attainment.

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

- Continue to improve the consistency of teaching approaches to ensure children experience learning at the appropriate level of difficulty. This will support further improvements in attainment and achievement.
- Continue to review learning pathways and the curriculum offer to ensure that children across the school, experience the same depth of learning in all curriculum areas as they do in literacy and numeracy.

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 Sandwood Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4289>

### 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