

5 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited The Good Shepherd Centre. 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.

- Positive relationships between the new senior leaders and staff, and between the staff and young people. Staff are successfully engaging young people in learning and building hope for their future.
- Thorough and well-established approaches to assessing young people's progress and learning from the point they join the school.
- Opportunities for young people to achieve units and awards linked to personal development and wider achievement.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and the Executive Director.

- Develop more creative and individualised approaches to learning activities.
- Develop and improve, as planned, the school's system for tracking and monitoring achievement and attainment.

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 The Good Shepherd Centre

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>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:

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### 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. The Board of Governors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its school.

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HM Inspector