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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Strathallan School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and young people and worked closely with the headmaster and staff.

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

- The highly effective leadership of the headmaster. Supported strongly by the senior deputy head and governors, he is leading meaningful, well-paced change and improvement driven by the school's founding principles. Children and young people continue to be inspired to discover their talents and reach their full potential.
- Highly engaged, articulate, polite and confident children and young people who are rightly very proud to be members of the Strathallan family. They demonstrate the school values in their academic work, participation in co-curricular activities and contributions to the ethos and culture of the school.
- The welcoming and inclusive culture created by all staff. Staff across the school and boarding houses know children and young people very well as individuals. As a result, relationships across the school are positive, reflect the school values and demonstrate clearly the schools' overarching value of love.
- The sustained high levels of academic attainment and success beyond the classroom. Young people in the senior school perform very well in national examinations.
- The outstanding opportunities in sports, creative arts and outdoor pursuits that motivate, engage and inspire children and young people.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and the Board of Governors.

- Continue to take forward the school's five-year plan for continuously improving teaching and learning. This will support staff to develop further the consistency of high-quality learning experiences across the prep and senior schools.
- Continue to develop approaches that will capture the full range of children's and young people's progress and achievements. They are ready to take on more leadership of their own learning.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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: [Strathallan School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland](#).

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.

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HM Inspector