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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Howford Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Led by the headteacher, staff have created a welcoming and nurturing culture at the school. This supports children in improving their wellbeing.
- Children are motivated and engaged in learning and demonstrate the school values.
- Staff work well to support children to develop skills for independence. Children are developing their confidence to try new experiences and meet new people.
- Children are developing their communication, listening and talking skills well. They are increasingly able to participate in group activities, taking turns and respecting each other.

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

- Staff need to develop the curriculum further to ensure all children engage in progressive learning experiences.
- The school should improve approaches to how it identifies its own strengths and weaknesses. Senior leaders should focus on how well teachers are improving outcomes for learners.
- Teachers need to strengthen their approaches to check that children are making good progress. In taking this forward, they should work with teachers from their own school and teachers from other schools to develop a shared understanding of children's progress.

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 Howford Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | satisfactory |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | 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=23091>

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