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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Monica's 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.

- Led very ably by the headteacher and senior leaders, staff, children, parents and partners benefit from highly-positive relationships and are proud to be part of the St Monica's community. These strong partnerships ensure children can demonstrate Faith in Action through a relentless focus on caring for the environment and others.
- Senior leaders have developed very effective approaches to gathering and analysing data to inform improvements. Leadership opportunities are evident at all levels with staff and children making valuable and considered improvements to the school.
- Teachers' highly skilled use of digital technologies supports children very well and enhances learning. Children develop sophisticated skills and use a wide range of devices to showcase their learning.
- Teachers plan high-quality listening and talking experiences resulting in improved outcomes for children and increased attainment. Children are very articulate and confident when speaking in a range of contexts.

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

- Teachers should continue to improve the consistency of learning and teaching across the curriculum. They should plan high-quality direct teaching experiences for individuals and groups that provide the right level of challenge.
- Staff need to continue to raise attainment and accelerate children's progress in literacy and numeracy. Staff would benefit from a continued focus on national standards to increase the pace of learning.

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 St Monica's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very 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)</a> , <a href="#">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:  
[St Monica's Primary 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. 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.

Gillian Frew  
HM Inspector