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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, HM Inspectors published a letter on Camphill School Aberdeen. The letter set out an area for improvement which we agreed with the school and the Board of Trustees. Recently, as you may know, we visited the school again. During our visit, we talked to children and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We heard from the headteacher and other staff about the steps the school has taken to improve. We looked at particular areas that had been identified in the original inspection. As a result, we were able to find out about the progress the school has made and how well this is supporting children and young people. This letter sets out what we found.

**The Board of Trustees and the headteacher should ensure that child protection approaches are understood and applied in line with national guidance.**

Children and young people reported that they felt safe in the school and had positive relationships with staff and each other. Since the inspection in March 2024, staff have participated in professional learning to improve their understanding of relationships and behaviour. This learning also included a focus on the use of physical intervention for those children and young people who display challenging behaviour. As a result, staff have a better understanding about how to support children and young people.

Senior leaders in the school should continue to ensure that they follow robustly procedures for recording, reporting and monitoring safeguarding and child protection incidents. HM Inspectors provided the executive director and headteacher with information about national guidance that will support them to improve recording and reporting procedures. They should ensure chronologies are in place for children and young people. Senior leaders should use these chronologies to record and monitor significant events, actions taken and the outcomes for children and young people.

**What happens next?**

The school has made some progress since the original inspection. We will visit the school within six months of the publication of this letter to review areas for improvement. Following the visit, we will write to you as parents informing you of the progress the school has made.

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