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Dear Parent/Carer

In February a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St John Vianney RC Primary School and nursery class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's success and achievements.

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

- The headteacher, depute headteacher and staff have fostered a positive school ethos in the school and nursery. Staff support the work of the school and are willing to take shared leadership roles.
- The confident, happy and welcoming children who take pride in their learning.
- The readiness of staff to develop their practices and improve experiences for children.
- Children's achievements in expressive arts.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council:

- Improve the strategic leadership of continuous improvement and ensure staff, parents, partners and children are fully involved in evaluating the work of the school and nursery effectively.
- Improve consistency in high quality learning and teaching and the effectiveness of assessment leading to raising attainment and achievement for all children.
- Improve children's achievements in health and wellbeing and promote equalities.

Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school. You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school? for the primary stages and for the nursery class, How good is our Early Learning and Childcare?*¹. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St John Vianney RC Primary School

Primary stages

Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak

Nursery class

Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	weak
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	satisfactory

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/reports/edinburgh-city/5529824>.

¹ *How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015; How good is our Early Learning and Childcare? 2016* – [How Good Is Our School?](#) [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#)

What happens next?

We will liaise with The City of Edinburgh Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of publication of this letter. We will discuss with The City of Edinburgh Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

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