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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Spark of Genius Caledonian School Glengarnock. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The positive relationships across the school between staff, children and young people. Children and young people learn in an environment where they feel valued and cared for.
- The school's success in re-engaging children and young people in their education.
- The school's high quality skills for work programme. This is supporting all young people to move on to further education, training or employment when they leave school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Spark of Genius.

- Teachers should develop, and implement, a range of teaching approaches to engage children and young people better in their learning across the school.
- Continue to develop the school's approaches to monitoring and tracking children's and young people's progress.
- Raise young people's attainment at the senior phase. Ensure all young people attain the best qualifications they are capable of.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Spark of Genius Caledonian School Glengarnock

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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/inspection-reports/north-ayrshire/8280240>

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. Spark of Genius will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Graeme Gordon
 HM Inspector