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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Springburn Academy. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The commitment of staff to improve the life chances of all young people in line with the school's shared vision and values.
- The contribution made by a wide range of mentors and partners, including Glasgow Kelvin College and local employers, to young people's learning experiences and pathways.
- The attainment of young people from S4 to S6.
- Young people who are proud of their school and appreciative of the opportunities which it provides.

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

- Continue to develop strategic leadership across the school in order to plan effectively for improvement. This includes improving the quality and consistency of the school's approaches to self-evaluation.
- Develop the consistency and quality of learning and teaching across the school.
- Ensure that the planned development of the curriculum from S1 to S3 provides sufficiently challenging learning for all young people. This will enable them better to achieve success when they move to more challenging learning from S4 to S6.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Springburn Academy

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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 will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/glasgow-city/8431639>.

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