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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Turnbull High School. 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.

- Supported by the senior management team, the headteacher's strong and caring leadership is highly valued across the school community. Together they ensure a well-established culture of all staff monitoring and evaluating their work.
- Teachers have very strong approaches to checking how well learners are progressing and attaining. As a result, young people can confidently discuss their strengths and next steps in learning.
- Young people's attainment and achievements are very strong across the school.
- Staff use targeted approaches to supporting specific young people who require additional support. Care experienced young people are very well supported to achieve and attain.
- The school's strong, faith-based ethos and Catholic identity ensure young people feel valued and included across the school community.

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

- Staff should continue to streamline support plans to ensure that the range of needs of all young people are met consistently well across the school.
- Continue to act on the views of young people to inform improvement, particularly in what and how they learn.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Turnbull High School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
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: [Inspection and Review | 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. East Dunbartonshire 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