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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Joseph's RC Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The headteacher demonstrates very strong leadership. Alongside senior and middle leaders, she has created a very positive culture for learning across the school. This is supported well by Gospel values, and respectful and supportive relationships between children and staff and amongst children.
- Increasingly, staff are adopting creative approaches to improve learning and teaching. They are developing their practice by engaging in appropriate, collaborative professional learning with partners. They are also using data more effectively to inform learning and teaching.
- Children are making good progress in literacy and numeracy as they move through the school.

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

- Develop consistency in learning and teaching, including using digital technologies more regularly, to support children's progress. Staff should also continue to plan and assess children's learning effectively across all curricular areas, so that all children are able to make coherent progress
- Use data more effectively to plan appropriate learning for children and ensure that all children are supported well to reach their potential.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 St Joseph's RC Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4601>

### 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. Dundee 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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