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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Camphill School Aberdeen. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

Camphill School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- Children and young people have good opportunities to learn across a range of interesting contexts. They benefit from learning outdoors and in natural surroundings. As a result, they are developing a good understanding about the environment and sustainability.
- Young people at the senior stages of the school are attaining well. They are achieving National Qualifications across a range of subjects. This is supporting almost all young people to move on to appropriate and positive placements after school.

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

- The Board of Trustees and the headteacher should ensure that child protection and safeguarding approaches are understood and applied in line with national guidance.
- Staff should continue to plan learning activities that take account of the different strengths and needs of children and young people. They should ensure all children and young people are appropriately challenged in their learning.
- Senior leaders and staff should continue to use data about children and young people's progress to inform action plans to raise attainment and achievement.

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 Camphill School Aberdeen

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: [Find an inspection report | Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that Camphill School Aberdeen needs more time to make necessary improvements in their procedures related to safeguarding and child protection. We will visit the school within three months of the publication of this letter to review these areas for improvement. We will discuss with the Board of Trustees the details of this visit. Following the visit, we will write to you as parents informing you of the progress the school has made.

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HM Inspector