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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Crispin's School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers, children and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

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

- Across the school, children and young people work hard to achieve their best. They are particularly successful in developing their communication skills and use a range of approaches to make choices.
- Parents and partners work well with the school to support children and young people. The Parent Council is proactive in raising the profile of the school in the community and advocating for the needs of children and young people.
- The range of achievements both in school and in the local community that help children and young people develop skills for life beyond school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The City of Edinburgh Council:

- The school needs to take immediate action to review how it manages behaviour to ensure that it protects the wellbeing of all learners.
- The school needs to focus all self-evaluation activities on improving outcomes for learners.
- Staff need to improve how they plan and deliver lessons in order to provide sufficient challenge for all children and young people.

**Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school.** You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*<sup>1</sup>? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St Crispin's School

<b>Leadership of Change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>weak</b>

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/edinburgh-city/5535646>

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with City of Edinburgh Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within six months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with City of Edinburgh Council the details of this inspection. When we return to inspect the school we will write to you as parents/carers informing you of the progress the school has made.

Monica McGeever  
HM Inspector

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<sup>1</sup> How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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