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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Melville-Knox Christian School, Aberdeen. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the lead teacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning and teaching and children's success and achievements.

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

- Positive, trusting relationships across the school. Children are proud of their school and enjoy their learning and experiences, which reflect fully the constitution and Christian ethos of the school.
- The lead teacher, who successfully implements a well-structured curriculum that includes well the vision and mission statement of Melville-Knox Christian School, Aberdeen. This approach results in a learning environment which provides a wide range of opportunities for children to learn and achieve.
- The clear governance framework. This clearly outlines when meetings take place, as well as an overview of curriculum development and school improvements.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and Board of Directors:

- Children should continue to develop their skills of self-reflection, so that they can contribute more to discussions about their learning experiences. This will help them to have more ownership of their learning.
- As planned, the school should now develop a formal school improvement plan, in collaboration with children, families, the School Management Committee and the Board of Directors. This will enable a shared approach to future improvements for the school.
- Continue to develop tracking and assessment processes to ensure children are making appropriate progress with their learning.

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 Melville-Knox Christian School, Aberdeen

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership and management of staff	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Curriculum	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition)	

What happens next?

Recommendation for Registrar's consideration

As a result of the overall quality of education provided by the school, we will make no further visits in connection with this inspection. The Board of Directors will inform parents about the school's progress as part of their arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of the school. Education Scotland will copy this report to the Registrar of Independent Schools for information.

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