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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Phillip's School and St Francis Day Centre. 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.

- The clear sense of direction for school improvement undertaken by senior leaders. They are also ensuring that change is being delivered at an appropriate pace.
- The extensive range of partnerships in place to enhance young people's learning experiences.
- Young people's personal achievements and successes are improving their wellbeing. Young people are building their confidence and taking on more responsibility for their own learning.
- The opportunities available for young people to exercise choice in what they learn.

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

- Ensure there is consistent high quality learning and teaching across the school with high expectations of what young people can achieve.
- Continue to support all young people to attend school and, when appropriate, move on into employment, training or further education when they leave school.

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 St Philip's School and St Francis Day Centre

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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:
<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/north-lanarkshire/8580448>

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. The Board of Directors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Steven McPherson
 HM Inspector