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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Golfhill 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 new headteacher who is appreciated by parents, children and staff. He has provided much needed stability to the work of the school. In a short time he has developed positive relationships between staff, children and parents. As a result the school is a warm welcoming environment for children to learn.
- Staff work well together as a team to improve the school and motivate children to learn.
- Good use is made of the local community and culture to enhance children's learning. As a result children are motivated by these real life learning experiences.

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

- The leadership team should develop a more thorough approach to monitoring and tracking children's progress in order to raise attainment. They should provide staff with clear direction on how they should assess children's progress.
- Staff should now review the curriculum to ensure children can build on their learning across all curriculum areas as they move through the school.
- Improve how the school meets the needs of children with additional support needs. In doing this ensure children have clear learning targets that are reviewed regularly to help them make better progress in their learning.
- Further improve how staff meet children's social and emotional needs to ensure all children feel fully included in school.

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 for Golfhill Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2774>

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 Glasgow City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Glasgow City 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.

Sadie Cushley
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