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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Benedict's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked 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 authority acted promptly when issues regarding aspects of leadership were raised with them during the inspection week. These issues have now been addressed.

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

- The polite, well-mannered children and the positive relationships evident across the school.
- The climate of mutual respect arising from the school's nurturing approach and the tireless effort of staff to reduce the impact of barriers to learning.
- The school's partnership working to provide well-focussed support opportunities for children's wider achievement.

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

- Improve the strategic leadership of change, underpinned by effective self-evaluation procedures, ensuring school improvement leads to raising attainment.
- Improve assessment, tracking and monitoring procedures to help inform appropriate interventions and ensure improved outcomes for all children.
- Improve the consistency of high quality learning and teaching, ensuring that all lessons meet the needs of all learners, enabling children to make sustained progress in their own learning.

**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 Benedict's Primary School

<b>Leadership of Change</b>	<b>unsatisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>weak</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/glasgow-city/8420823>.

### What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the school needs additional support 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. 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.

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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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