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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Charles' Primary School and Language and Communication Resource (LCR). 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.

- As a result of the highly-effective leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher, staff have developed very well a positive, nurturing and inclusive ethos across the school and LCR. Staff, children and families are supportive of one another, showing a high level of mutual respect.
- The headteacher has managed very well the significant changes to the teaching team in recent years. She has created a climate where staff feel empowered to effect change which is resulting in improved experiences for children.
- Teachers have developed highly-effective approaches to the use of digital technology to support and enhance children's learning. Across the school, children are skilled in using digital technology creatively to support their learning.
- All staff provide well-considered and high-quality support for children who require it through well-planned targeted interventions. This helps children to engage very well with experiences in and beyond the classroom and make good progress in their learning.

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

- Senior leaders should support staff to improve the consistency in communication approaches across the school and LCR. This will continue to support children to access learning across the school.
- Teachers should continue to develop their use of feedback to help children make greater progress in their learning.
- Staff should continue to raise attainment for all children, particularly in writing. They should increase opportunities for children to write regularly at length and apply learning across the curriculum.

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 St Charles' Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and review](#) | [Education Scotland](#)

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. Glasgow City Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Gillian Frew
HM Inspector