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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Francis RC 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 school's success in creating a warm and welcoming environment where everyone feels included and valued.
- The school's approaches to recognising and celebrating children's achievements. Children's participation in a range of out of class activities is supporting their self-confidence and sense of success.

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

- Raise attainment through high-quality learning, teaching and assessment at all stages.
- Develop approaches to teachers planning of all curricular areas to strengthen the way in which the school can assess and track children's progress and improve attainment.

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 Francis RC Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	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/inspection-reports/edinburgh-city/5529522>

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

Guch Dhillon
 HM Inspector