

22 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Teresa's RC Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

St Teresa's RC Primary School nursery class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

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

- The leadership of the headteacher in establishing positive relationships with children, parents and staff. She has a clear vision for the future of the school.
- The polite, friendly children. They are eager to learn and experience success.
- The effective teamwork of staff across the school. They work well together to develop positive relationships with children and create a calm, nurturing learning environment.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Dumfries and Galloway Council.

- As a priority, improve the quality of learning, teaching and assessment across the school. Senior leaders should support teachers to ensure all children's learning activities are of a consistently high quality. Teachers need to plan learning activities that are well matched to children's individual needs.
- Raise attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school. Senior leaders and teachers need to use reliable assessment information to identify and address gaps in children's learning. Teachers need to develop a better understanding of national standards.
- Continue to improve leadership at all levels. Children are ready to take on more responsibilities, including helping to improve their school.
- Continue to improve the curriculum, including the programme for health and wellbeing. Children would benefit from learning more about their own wellbeing and about diversity and equality.

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 Teresa's RC Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>weak</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [St Teresa's RC School | Education Scotland](#)

### 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 Dumfries and Galloway 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 Dumfries and Galloway 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.

Simon Gallon  
HM Inspector