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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited All Saints 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.

- A school community where everyone is very proud of their school. Relationships are positive and the learning environment reflects very well the Gospel values of the school.
- The strong leadership of the headteacher and the clear direction this provides in taking forward areas for development across the school. Staff undertake leadership roles and work together effectively to improve the school. Of note, are the examples of teachers and support staff making a positive difference to children's experiences across the whole school.
- Enthusiastic, polite, children who are motivated to learn and skilled in talking about their achievements in reading and writing.
- The priority that the school places on family learning and increased levels of parental engagement. The warm and welcoming ethos created by children and staff that encourages parents to participate in the life and work of the school.

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

- Strengthen approaches to self-evaluation to identify improvement priorities that reflect the local context. Engage stakeholders more effectively and ensure that leadership opportunities make an increased difference to children across the school.
- Take forward the planned improvements to refresh and update the curriculum. Ensure children benefit from a relevant and ambitious curriculum that takes account of what children already know.
- Raise attainment using assessment information to plan appropriate next steps in learning and increase the pace of progress for all children.
- Review practices and procedures to ensure the needs of individual children are met in the communication and language base. This includes working with partners to support children's development and provide appropriate professional learning for all staff.

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 All Saints Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
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/inspection-reports/inverclyde/8640220>

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we have confidence that the leadership of the school with support from the authority will make the necessary improvements. However, the headteacher has only recently been given responsibility for the Communication and Language base unit that is located within the school. As a result, there has been insufficient time for her leadership to impact on the quality of children's experiences within these classes. Therefore, we feel that the Communication and Language base unit needs additional support and time to make necessary improvements. We will continue to liaise with the local authority about the progress being made and a further inspection of the Communication and Language base unit will be made within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with the local authority the details of this further inspection. Education Scotland will write to you as parents/carers within 12 months of the publication of this letter informing you of the progress that has been made.

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 HM Inspector