

23 April 2024

**Dear Parent/Carer** 

In February 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Mirin's 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.

- Children, parents and all staff are very proud of their school. Working well together, they create a nurturing and welcoming learning environment that supports positive relationships and wellbeing.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher and depute headteacher provides clear direction and support for the school community. They include everyone successfully in influencing well-judged changes.
- The hardworking and dedicated staff team work very well together to reflect on and improve learning and teaching. This is leading to consistently high-quality experiences for children.
- Senior leaders have led effective improvements in the teaching of literacy. As a result, most children are making very good progress in their writing.

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

- Senior leaders should help teachers plan and assess children's work better. This will help ensure teachers plan lessons and activities that are well-matched to all children's needs.
- Senior leaders and teachers should develop further ways to check children's progress in all areas of learning. They should use information to give a clear picture of how well children make progress over time.
- Senior leaders and teachers should set clearer, measurable targets to ensure that support for children is leading to improvements.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from <u>How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition</u>). 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 Mirin's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4 <sup>th</sup> 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: <u>Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection</u> <u>report | Inspection and review | Education Scotland</u>

## 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.

Anne Graham HM Inspector