

25 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Dyce Academy. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Friendly young people who enjoy positive relationships with staff across the school. They demonstrate the school values of responsibility and respect around the school and in lessons.
- Enthusiastic teachers who support learners within a welcoming environment. They provide helpful access to digital technology resources to enhance learning and teaching.

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

- Improve attainment and increase expectations for all young people.
- Develop more robust systems to monitor the attainment and progress of all young people.
- Improve the quality of learners' experiences throughout the school. This should include teachers planning more challenging and relevant learning experiences that allow learners to make better progress as they move through the school.

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 Dyce Academy

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	weak
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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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 Aberdeen City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 18 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Aberdeen City 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.

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HM Inspector