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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Whitehill Secondary School. 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,

- Across the school, staff demonstrate a strong commitment to collegiate working. This is developing a wider range of learning and teaching approaches and supporting young people to experience learning activities that are enjoyable.
- Staff, supported by partners, provide a nurturing learning environment for young people who face barriers to their learning. This is building children's confidence and as a result leading to positive destinations for almost all learners.
- Relationships between young people and staff are positive. Staff, across the school community, provide a wide range of opportunities to help young people achieve success.

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

- Senior leaders need to ensure learning and teaching are of consistent high quality, with appropriate pace and challenge for all learners across all stages. Staff need to develop further approaches that enable young people to develop a clearer understanding of their skills as learners and what they need to do to improve.
- Staff should continue their work to raise standards of attainment and achievement.

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 Whitehill Secondary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> 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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=5180>.

### 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.

Aileen Monaghan  
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