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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, HM Inspectors published a letter on Camphill School Aberdeen. The letter set out an area for improvement which we agreed with the school and the Board of Trustees.

Recently, as you may know, we visited the school again. During our visit, we talked to children and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We heard from the headteacher and other staff about the steps the school has taken to improve. We looked at particular areas that had been identified in the original inspection. As a result, we were able to find out about the progress the school has made and how well this is supporting children and young people. This letter sets out what we found.

The Board of Trustees and the headteacher should ensure that child protection approaches are understood and applied in line with national guidance.

Children and young people report that they feel safe in the school and that they have good relationships with adults and with each other. They have someone in the school they can speak to if they are worried or upset.

The school has in place a lone working policy. This policy focusses on the safety and wellbeing of staff. Senior leaders should now work with staff and pupils to develop a policy for one-to-one working between staff and children and young people. This policy should centre on the wellbeing of children and young people. It should reflect the unique setting of the school and the wide range of teaching and learning contexts that take place.

Staff record detailed information about challenging behaviour and the use of physical intervention. Information is gathered by senior leaders to provide an overview of incidents across the school. Senior leaders and the Board of Trustees should continue to monitor these incidents robustly. This will allow them to have a better understanding about how well the needs of children and young people are being met.

What happens next?

The school has continued to make progress since the original inspection. 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. The Board of Trustees will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of the school's work.

HM Inspector