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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Cuthbert's RC Primary School and Language and Communication Classes. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

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

- The effectiveness of the headteacher's leadership and her success in continuously improving outcomes for children.
- Shared leadership amongst the staff team and their skills in motivating children in their learning. The children are enthusiastic, polite and confident and take pride in their achievements.
- The focus on inclusion and positive relationships founded on mutual respect and shared values.
- The quality of children's attainment in literacy and English and their wider achievements.
- The personalised support provided to children enabling them to succeed.

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

- Develop a framework of assessment to support teacher's professional judgements.
- Continue to develop the rigour in the school's approaches to self-evaluation leading to raising attainment further.

**Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school.** You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*<sup>1</sup>? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St Cuthbert's RC Primary School:

<b>Leadership of Change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/reports/edinburgh-city/5529328>.

### 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. The City of Edinburgh Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Susan Gow  
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<sup>1</sup> How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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