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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Spark of Genius Skypoint School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children 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, all education staff have caring, supportive relationships with children and young people. They help learners to feel safe, comfortable and confident in seeking support when anxious or distressed.
- Education staff know children and young people very well. Teachers, teaching assistants and subject instructors work well in partnership to help children and young people remain focused and on task with their learning.
- The school's success in supporting previously disengaged children and young people to make progress with their learning. Children and young people are attaining particularly well in literacy and numeracy.
- Children and young people are improving their confidence and developing their ability to communicate effectively with others. They are able to try new things, make friends and engage well in the community.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Spark of Genius.

- Led by senior leaders, current approaches to assessment, tracking and monitoring need to be developed further. Increased focus needs to be placed on providing an accurate overview of children's and young people's progress.
- Continue to identify ways to recognise the personal achievements and skills development of children and young people.

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 Spark of Genius Skypoint School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
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:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4371>

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. Spark of Genius will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Liz Angus
HM Inspector