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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Marnock's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Welcoming, friendly children who are proud of their school. They engage enthusiastically in learning and demonstrate a particular interest in numeracy and mathematics.
- Staff team who show care and consideration for children. They support each other well to take forward new developments.
- Staff's use of relevant and real-life learning contexts which are helping to promote children's engagement and motivates them to learn.

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

- Continue to improve learning and teaching approaches to help children make better progress in their learning. In doing so, ensure the pace of learning is brisker and planned at the right level of difficulty for all children.
- Continue to develop approaches to assessment and sharing standards which enable teachers to take a greater role in identifying children's next steps in learning. Improve how assessment data and other key information are used to help to ensure that all children are making the best possible progress.
- Monitor and evaluate approaches to raising attainment for all learners.

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 St Marnock's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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=4646>

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 Glasgow City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Glasgow 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.

Jackie Maley
HM Inspector