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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2017 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Margaret's RC Primary School and nursery class. 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:

- Strong and effective leadership of the school.
- Inclusive staff, working with a range of ages and home languages.
- Friendly, enthusiastic and motivated children across the nursery class and the school.
- Motivating learning experiences in primary classes.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and representatives from Angus Council:

- More effective self-evaluation approaches leading to improved outcomes in the nursery class and school.
- More strategic use of data in the primary school to track and demonstrate improvements for learners.
- Better use of the unique context of the school to raise attainment.

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? for the primary stages and for the nursery class, How good is our Early Learning and Childcare?*¹. 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 Margaret’s RC Primary School

Primary stages

Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good

Nursery Class

Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children’s progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at

<https://www.education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/angus/5306027>

¹ *How good is our school? (4th Edition) 2015; How good is our Early Learning and Childcare? 2016* – [How Good Is Our School?](#) [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#)

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

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HM Inspector

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