

24 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Greenleaf House School, Kilmaurs to undertake a post-registration visit. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Positive relationships between staff and children and young people. This is leading to children and young people feeling safe and well cared for.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a member of the senior management team.

- As a matter of urgency, the school needs to improve the learning environment. This includes establishing well-designed classroom areas and outdoor spaces.
- Governance arrangements need to be strengthened to offer support and challenge to the headteacher and school. This will help to ensure that the quality of learning and the curriculum on offer are properly reviewed.
- Improve approaches to learning, teaching and assessment. In taking this forward, staff need to plan more effectively to meet the learning needs of children and young people.
- Take action to improve the curriculum to ensure children and young people receive their entitlements to an appropriate broad general education and senior phase.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Greenleaf House School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership and management of staff</b>	<b>weak</b>
<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>unsatisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>unsatisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>weak</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

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=17724>

### 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 the Greenleaf House School senior management team regarding the school's capacity to improve. Our link HM Inspector will maintain contact with the school to check on progress. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within six months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with the Greenleaf House School senior management team 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.

Steven McPherson  
 HM Inspector