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Dear Parent/Carer

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

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

- A staff team who have an understanding of the challenges faced by the community as a result of the pandemic and cost of living.
- Children across the school are focused and keen to learn. Children's interactions are respectful and supportive of each other.
- Staff have created a welcoming, nurturing and caring ethos leading to positive relationships across the school community.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the acting headteacher and a representative from Moray Council.

- Senior leaders and staff should work together to improve leadership across the school. In doing so, staff should support children, parents and partners to participate in evaluation activities that improves how the school works.
- Staff should work together to improve the quality of learning and teaching. This includes ensuring children are actively involved in learning.
- Staff should improve approaches to planning of learning, teaching and assessment. There is a need to ensure children's knowledge and skills build on what they know as they move through the school.
- All staff should be involved in planning learning that supports better children with additional support needs. They should ensure that they set targets that help children make progress in their learning.
- All staff should work together to have a clear focus on raising attainment of all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Peter's RC Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | weak |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | weak |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | weak |
| Raising attainment and achievement | weak |
| 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:

[Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

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 Moray 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 Moray 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.

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