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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Cargilfield School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headmaster and staff.

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

- The excellent standards of academic attainment across the curriculum and the significant wider achievements of children. By the end of their experiences at Cargilfield School, children are very successful learners and are very well prepared to move on to senior school.
- The very effective leadership of the headmaster. Along with senior leaders, he ensures that all children benefit from rich, challenging and motivating learning experiences at Cargilfield School.
- The support and challenge provided by governors which helps the school to improve continuously. Governors carry out robust levels of quality assurance and make decisions in the best interests of children.
- The very warm and friendly family atmosphere. Staff ensure that children are very well supported to achieve their full potential. Children thrive in the relaxed and motivating learning environment that they feel is a 'home from home'.
- Articulate, kind and responsible children who make the most of their learning and out of class experiences. With the valuable support of teachers, they rise to the challenge in their learning. They are rightly very proud of their school and each other's achievements.

The following area was discussed with the headmaster and the Chair of the Board of Governors.

- Continue to provide dynamic and exciting learning experiences for all children and sustain the very high levels of attainment and achievement across the school.

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 Cargilfield School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | very good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | very good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | very good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | excellent |
| 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?

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. The Board of Governors will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of the school.

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HM Inspector