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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026 a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Saint Andrew's Orthodox Church School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children, and worked closely with the Board of Trustees, teachers and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning and teaching and children's successes and achievements.

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

- Children are very proud of their school. They are respectful and kind in their daily interactions with each other and with the adults who support them. They make the most of the motivating and challenging learning experiences that staff plan for them.
- The Board of Trustees provides thoughtful and effective direction and leadership for the school community. In the school's successful first year, Trustees have established very effective systems and processes that ensures the smooth running of the school.
- The staff team provides a warm and welcoming environment for children. They ensure there is the right balance of support and challenge to meet the individual needs of children. Children thrive in the supportive and nurturing ethos of faith.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the Board of Trustees.

- As planned, and as the school grows, continue to build on curriculum programmes as children move through the stages of the school.
- Consider different ways for children to take ownership of their learning, for example by setting targets for aspects of their work.

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 HMIE's evaluations for Saint Andrew's Orthodox Church School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership and management of staff	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Curriculum	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition)	

What happens next?

Recommendation for Registrar's consideration

As a result of the overall quality of education provided by the school, we will make no further visits in connection with this inspection. The Board of Trustees will inform parents about the school's progress as part of their arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of the school. His Majesty's Inspectors of Education will copy this report to the Registrar of Independent Schools for information.

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 HM Inspector

On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland