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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Pius X RC Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Children are polite, welcoming and proud of their school. They have a good understanding of children's rights and demonstrate the school values in their day-to-day activities.
- Staff have worked well together to improve their understanding of high-quality learning and teaching. This is leading to more consistent learning experiences for children across the school.
- Senior leaders use whole school information about children's progress well to identify areas where children may need more support. They work successfully with partners to plan approaches to help children overcome barriers to their learning and make progress.
- Staff in the nursery work well as a team to improve children's wellbeing. Children are valued and thrive in their nursery as a result of the warm, caring relationships.
- Staff provide high-quality outdoor learning experiences for children in the nursery. Children enjoy and enthusiastically take part in the creative experiences provided by staff.

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

- Senior leaders and teachers should build on their work to improve the quality of children's experiences across the school. They should ensure all children experience learning set at the right level. This should continue to raise attainment, particularly in numeracy at first and second level.
- Senior leaders and teachers across the school should refine their approaches to ensuring children who experience difficulties in engaging in learning are better supported to participate and make progress in their learning.
- Nursery staff should strengthen further their approaches to planning learning. They should ensure early level experiences and outcomes are used consistently to provide appropriate challenge and support for all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 St Pius X RC Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school (4th edition) Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELC's work using three quality indicators from the [Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors](#).

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Curriculum	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Wellbeing, inclusion and equality	good

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: [Inspection reports | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in 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. Dundee City 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland