10 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Philomena's Primary School. 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.

- The headteacher's clear strategic leadership underpins a well-coordinated and responsive approach to improving children's wellbeing. As a result, children's wellbeing needs are identified and supported effectively, helping them to feel safe, included and ready to learn.

- Children feel happy, safe and valued in school. They are highly confident and participate enthusiastically in all aspects of school life. Children are kind and respectful to each other and adults.

- All staff have created a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive ethos, rooted in Gospel values. This is evident across the life of the school. Staff know children and their families very well and have a detailed understanding of each child's strengths and needs. They use this to support children successfully.

- Staff in the Enhanced Nurture Provision provide highly effective support for children's social and emotional development.

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

- As planned, senior leaders and staff should continue to improve the consistency and quality of learning and teaching. This will ensure all children receive high-quality learning experiences.

- Staff should continue to explore and develop effective ways to share children's learning and progress with parents and carers.

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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 Philomena's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**very good**
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 HMIE website at: St Philomena's Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. Glasgow 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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HM Inspector

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

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