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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Providence Christian School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children/young people and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- The welcoming, nurturing ethos which is underpinned by positive relationships. Staff work effectively with each other and the School Board to embed the Christian faith in the life and work of the school.

- Children who are polite, well-behaved and supportive of one another. They are proud of their school and have a strong sense of belonging.

- Staff work well with a range of partners in and beyond the island to enhance children's learning experiences. Through these partnerships, children develop a strong understanding and appreciation of their unique local context, while broadening their awareness of the wider world.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from the Board of Governors.

- Senior leaders must work with staff to improve approaches to learning and teaching. In doing so, they need to ensure that children experience well-paced lessons, with appropriate challenge in their learning.

- Staff need to improve approaches to planning and assessing children's learning. As part of this, it will be important to develop and implement a shared curriculum framework. This should include clear progression pathways across all areas of the curriculum to support continuity and progression in children's learning.

- Staff should support children to increase their understanding of their rights and wellbeing. This should include developing a shared language to help children to reflect on and talk about their own health and wellbeing.

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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 Providence Christian School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**weak**
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	**satisfactory**
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: Providence Christian School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

What happens next?

As a result of our inspection findings we think that the Board of Governors needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Board of Governors regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within 12 months of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Board of Governors 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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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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