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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Castleton 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 very effective leadership of the headteacher and senior leaders which is leading to improvements in learning and teaching. Staff are supported very well to continually reflect on practice and engage in high-quality professional learning. This is helping children to engage very well in learning and make good progress.
- All staff know children and families very well. They create a very inclusive ethos where strong nurturing relationships support children's wellbeing and readiness to learn effectively.
- The Creative Classroom approach which is supporting children very well to engage in interesting and relevant learning experiences. Children have very good opportunities for independence and choice during learning. This is helping most children to be motivated and enjoy learning activities.
- Teachers' highly effective and creative approaches in the use of digital technology to enhance children's learning. As a result, most children are developing skills progressively in digital technology and important skills for learning, life and work.

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to work with parents to highlight the importance of regular attendance for all children in school. They should continue effective collaborative approaches with partners and families to reduce regular absence. This has the potential to raise attainment and achievement for children.
- As planned, staff should continue to focus on raising attainment and achievement for all children. As part of this work, staff should ensure all children experience consistently increased challenge in all lessons.

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 Castleton Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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	

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