

18 August 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited St Joachim'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 articulate and confident children. Children are keen to talk to visitors to their school. They share their views, experiences and ideas with each other in class and in groups and respond well to a range of questions.
- The supportive and knowledgeable staff team. All staff know children and families very well and have a sound understanding of the local context. They work together well and share willingly their skills and expertise for the benefit of the school.
- The impact of high-quality professional learning. All staff make effective use of professional learning to take forward improvements in their practice. This has a positive impact on aspects of children's learning.

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

- Senior leaders need to improve approaches to evaluating the work of the school. They must provide more robust and regular opportunities for staff, children and parents to offer their views on the work of the school. This should help senior leaders to identify more clearly what is working well and what needs to improve.
- Senior leaders and teachers need to improve approaches to planning improvement. They must ensure that they use evidence more effectively to identify key priorities and develop targets that are specific and measurable. This should help them to evidence more accurately the progress and impact of improvement work.
- The headteacher needs to improve approaches to managing children's absence from school. She must follow consistently the local authority's attendance procedures. This should help to improve the school's overall attendance and the attendance of individual children who currently have a high absence rate.
- The whole school community needs to work together to improve behaviour and relationships within the school. Senior leaders, staff, children and parents must develop together, and implement consistently, a policy that reflects children's rights and the

school's values. This should help the school community to build and sustain respectful, trusting and kind relationships.

- Senior leaders, staff and parents need to work together to help improve attainment. They must support children to engage fully in their learning and make the best possible progress in their learning.

Following the inspection the education authority working with the school, have taken forward areas for improvement in safeguarding which required urgent action. HM Inspectors have reviewed information relating to these areas for improvement. HM Inspectors are satisfied with the response taken by the education authority and do not require any further information.

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 St Joachim's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	weak
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	weak
Raising attainment and achievement	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: [St Joachim's Primary 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 school needs additional support and more time to make necessary improvements. We will liaise with Glasgow City Council regarding the school's capacity to improve. We will return to carry out a further inspection of the school within one year of the publication of this letter. We will discuss with Glasgow City Council 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