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Dear Parent/Carer,

In April 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Calaiswood 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.

- Children and young people who are happy and ready to learn within a stimulating and caring environment. Learning is enhanced by the range of resources in the school and activities in the local and wider community.
- The skilled and professional staff team and their understanding of the needs of all children and young people. Staff take very good account of the individual educational, medical and care needs of learners and work together as a team to meet their needs.
- The very effective leadership of the headteacher and her promotion of inclusion across the campus.
- The support offered to families through strong partnership working between staff, professionals and others organisations.

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

- Children and young people are developing good skills in making choices and decisions about their own learning. Staff should now build on this and help them be more involved in decisions about wider school life.
- Staff should continue to develop approaches to planning, tracking and monitoring to allow them to measure children's and young people's progress and plan next steps in learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the schools work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Education Scotland's evaluations for Calaiswood School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition)</a> , <a href="#">Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> .	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/fife/5447046>.

### 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. Fife Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Monica McGeever  
HM Inspector