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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Falkland House 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 highly inclusive and child-centred culture embedded in the school's practice. This is supporting previously disengaged children and young people to re-engage successfully with their learning.
- Children and young people who are confident, resilient, keen to learn and are proud of their achievements. Staff's sensitive interactions with children and young people help them to succeed.
- The wide range and number of National Qualifications and National Course awards achieved by young people at the senior phase.
- Young people's success in sustaining placements in higher education, modern apprenticeships or employment when they leave school. This is supported by the high quality approaches in place to build young people's skills for learning, life and work.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from The National Fostering Agency Group (NFAG).

- Continue to develop approaches to assess, track and monitor children's and young people's progress at the broad general education.
- Continue to develop the curriculum in line with national guidance. In doing so, implement relevant approaches to learning and teaching which promote children's and young people's curiosity.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Education Scotland's evaluations for Falkland House School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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 Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=2554>

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. NFAG 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