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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Queen Victoria School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers, children and young people, and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

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

- Children and young people are articulate, respectful and high achieving. They gain important skills for learning, life and work through enriching experiences, in and out of class.
- High-quality learning and teaching across the school is enhanced by teachers' very effective use of digital technology. This is leading to high standards of attainment over time.
- Senior leaders and staff provide a caring, inclusive and supportive environment for learning within the school.
- The highly effective leadership of the headteacher, promoted staff, HM Commissioners and Defence Children Services is securing improvements through robust self-evaluation.
- The whole school community has pride in maintaining the unique heritage and military traditions of Queen Victoria School, whilst preparing learners very well for the future.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and the school's proprietor.

- In response to the strong views of learners, parents and staff, the school's proprietor should improve the catering service offered to children and young people. The proprietor should continue with plans to make improvements to the school and boarding accommodation.
- Staff should continue to build on children's and young people's understanding of their own health and wellbeing through a whole-school focus on children's rights.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#). 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 Queen Victoria School

Quality indicators for the school	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education 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. The school's proprietor 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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