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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Class. 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 commitment and dedication of the headteacher and her staff to the children and their parents. The high expectations set for children which is resulting in positive attainment outcomes.
- The warm and welcoming ethos across the school, enhanced by positive supportive relationships. The staff and parents who work together very well, aspiring to the best possible experiences for all children.
- The children across the school who are confident and enthusiastic learners. They are respectful of each other and of staff and are very proud of their school and nursery.
- The strong partnerships with the broader school community which enrich children's learning. The approach to keeping track of children's achievements in the primary school, which is helping to ensure all are included and involved.

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

- Develop with all staff a clear and shared understanding of high quality learning and teaching. Involve children more in leading their learning and further promote the children's voice in shaping the direction of the school. This will build their leadership skills.
- Review the curriculum to ensure that it takes full account of current national guidance, including the use of the National Benchmarks. Staff should extend the existing tracking system across all areas of the curriculum.
- Teachers should increase the pace of lessons and the challenge of learning activities, to make sure that every child is stretched and achieves their full potential.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 St Bride's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8520720>

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

Ann Floyd
HM Inspector