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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Catherine'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.

- Children who are confident, motivated and highly engaged in their learning. Their views are valued and are used well to inform the work of the school.
- Children are attaining very well in literacy and numeracy. They have a very good understanding about the skills they are developing and how they will use these skills in their life, learning and work.
- The headteacher, depute headteacher and staff team have created an extremely positive and nurturing learning environment. All staff have very high expectations of pupils and everyone within the school community feel equally valued for their contributions.
- The high-quality support offered to children, parents and families. Staff intervene to help families as early as possible to ensure children have the best possible opportunities to achieve success.

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

- Staff should continue to build on the high quality learning and teaching.
- Further extend opportunities for children to apply their learning in a range of contexts.

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 Catherine's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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	very 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	

This letter and a more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8625727>

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. Renfrewshire Council 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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