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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Barbara's Primary 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.

- Confident, able and articulate children who are well behaved and keen to learn. They are proud of their school and have a strong sense of belonging.
- Senior leaders provide strong leadership for the school, resulting in positive impact through the school's improvement processes.
- Staff who have created a welcoming, nurturing and caring ethos, where children's wellbeing is at the heart of the work of the school.
- Children make good progress in literacy and numeracy across the school.

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

- The headteacher, supported by staff, should fully involve the whole school community in identifying improvements and leading change.
- Teachers need to develop consistently high-quality learning and teaching across the school. They should provide children with more opportunities to lead their own learning, building on their interests, knowledge and skills.
- Staff should meet better the learning and wellbeing needs of children through more effective planning and interventions. Senior leaders should organise appropriate professional learning to develop further teachers' skills to meet these needs.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's 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 St Barbara's Primary School

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

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Details | Find an inspection report | Find an inspection report | Inspection and review | 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. North Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ken McAra  
HM Inspector