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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St. Margaret's Primary and Early Learning and Childcare Class (ELCC). 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 headteacher, supported by her senior leadership team, has worked well with staff to create a warm, welcoming and nurturing learning environment. As a result of this approach, children are welcoming, enthusiastic and proud of their school and nursery.
- All staff have a clear focus on improving the wellbeing needs of children. This has created the conditions where children engage well in their learning.
- Children enjoy learning in a range of planned contexts that are matched to their needs such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

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

- Senior leaders and staff should continue to improve approaches to planning, tracking and monitoring children's work. This will help children build on their learning as they move through the school. In doing this they need to ensure children receive a broad range of experiences across all curricular areas.
- Staff should continue to develop approaches to learning, teaching and assessment, including through play at nursery to P3, to ensure appropriate challenge in learning for all children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Margaret's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</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>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: 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. 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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