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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, 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.

- Strong, nurturing relationships between senior leaders, staff and children across the school and nursery. As a result, children are calm, relaxed and enthusiastic about their learning.
- The strong approach to team work among all staff who willingly embrace change and new ideas to improve the school and nursery.
- Approaches to outdoor learning and play which provide exciting stimulating, learning contexts across the school and nursery.
- Partnership working with parents, staff and the community to provide children with motivating learning experiences.

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

- The headteacher should develop robust approaches to monitoring and tracking the work of the school to secure children's progress and raise attainment further.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning and assessment across the school and nursery. In doing so, ensure appropriate individualised planning in place for children who require it.
- Continue to develop approaches to provide children with opportunities for wider achievement and to link this to skills development. In doing so, take steps to enable all children to develop their leadership skills and influence decisions that affect them.

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 Bride'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:

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

Sadie Cushley  
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