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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited West Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

West Primary School Early Learning and Childcare Class was inspected by Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher and management team provide highly effective leadership. The headteacher is supported well by staff in creating and maintaining a nurturing and inclusive learning environment. Staff, work closely with families and a wide range of partners and agencies to improve outcomes for children.
- Children identify strongly with their school. Relationships are positive and children engage well with each other and staff. They appreciate the opportunities they have to develop their interests and talents.
- A strong feature of the school as a community is the promotion of equity. The emphasis staff place in addressing barriers to learning is helping children engage fully in the life of the school. This is having a positive impact on children's engagement and attainment.
- Gaelic Medium Education within West Primary School is becoming well established. Children are making good progress in talking Gaelic. For children learning through English, their curriculum is widening through their learning about Gaelic language and culture.

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

- Continue to refine approaches to learning and teaching. This will help to ensure appropriate pace and challenge to reflect the range of needs of all learners. Staff should increase the opportunities for children to assume greater responsibility for leading their own learning, building on the existing practice already in place.
- Continue to take forward the already identified school priorities and planned interventions to raise children's attainment further.
- Continue to liaise closely with the local authority to build Gaelic Medium Education from nursery across all stages of learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). 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 West Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [Reports page | Inspection reports | 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.

Charles Rooney
HM Inspector