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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited St Andrew'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.

- The leadership of the headteacher and the commitment of staff to ensure equity and improved attainment for all children in the school and nursery.
- The wide range of opportunities for children to achieve success, both inside and outwith school. These worthwhile experiences for children are well supported through the teamwork and commitment of staff and the school's partners.
- Positive and supportive relationships between children and adults across the school and nursery. This is ensuring children are ready and able to learn.

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

- Across the school and nursery, continue to develop approaches to learning and teaching. Ensure all children have increased opportunities to make choices, take responsibility and to direct their learning.
- Develop a shared understanding of the skills children are developing across the curriculum, in order to continue to raise attainment and achievement for all.
- Review and refresh approaches to planning children's learning in the nursery class, to take better account of children's interests and abilities.

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 Andrew's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	good
Quality of environment	good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had no requirements and no recommendations. As a result of this inspection, there is one recommendation.

Recommendations

The service should review children's personal planning systems, to ensure that they demonstrate clearly how children's individual needs are met.

To achieve this consideration should be given to:

- Using children's prior experiences before starting nursery to contribute to plans
- Development of 'all about me' records to include more information on wellbeing needs
- The continued development of individualised strategies to support meeting children's needs
- Reviewing how children's progress is recorded

This is to ensure that children's care and support is consistent with the Health and Social Care Standards which state, "my personal plan is right for me because it sets out how my needs will be met, as well as my wishes and choices" (HSCS 1.15), "my care and support meets my needs and is right for me" (HSCS 1.19), and "my needs, as agreed within my personal plan are fully met, and my wishes and choices are respected" (HSCS 1.23).

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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4444>

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.

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