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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Patrick'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.

- The inclusive and caring ethos created by staff and children across the school community. As a result of the positive approaches to improving relationships across the school community, children are more engaged and motivated by their learning.
- Polite, articulate and motivated children who show respect for one another in their everyday actions. Children are keen to discuss their learning and achievements and demonstrate the school's Catholic values in their interactions with each other and their teachers.
- The commitment of the headteacher to ensuring that all staff engage with whole-school improvement initiatives resulting in better learning experiences and outcomes for children.
- The partnership working across the school and the community which is enhancing children's learning experiences and opportunities.

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

- As a priority, develop approaches to tracking and monitoring children's progress and achievements. This should ensure that progress and interventions for challenge and support can be planned more robustly for individual children.
- Develop further skills in assessment and moderation to improve the reliability of teacher judgements to improve planned outcomes for children. Collaborate with partner schools to make further use of national guidance and expectations.
- Continue to raise the attainment in all curriculum areas and develop further opportunities for achievement of children across all stages.
- Develop approaches to whole-school self-evaluation that will help to focus important improvement priorities in a clearer evidence-based way.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 St Patrick's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4723>

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.

John Reilly
HM Inspector