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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Sacred Heart 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.

- Relationships between all staff and children are underpinned by a nurturing culture. Children are polite, confident and work well with each other. The school's focus on children's rights is supporting children to develop as confident and effective contributors.
- All staff work well as a team. Led effectively by the headteacher, they have developed consistent learning and teaching approaches.
- Children learn in stimulating and engaging environments including classrooms, shared areas and outdoor spaces. Staff work effectively with partners to enrich children's learning.
- Children participate well in a wide range of clubs, committees and groups. They are building their confidence and developing listening and talking skills successfully.

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

- Teachers should continue to ensure that all activities are well-matched to the needs of all learners.
- Staff should work together to develop further their understanding of national standards in writing. This should help to build their confidence in making professional judgements on children's progress and attainment in this area of the curriculum.
- Raise attainment for all learners in literacy, particularly in writing.

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 Sacred Heart 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: [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. South Ayrshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Simon Gallon
HM Inspector