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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Timothy'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 respectful relationships evident throughout the school and nursery built on the strong example set by the senior leadership team.
- The inclusive practice across the school and nursery, including the Language and Communication Support Centre, and its impact on children's wellbeing and achievement.
- The success of approaches, and the skill and confidence of staff, to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy and close the poverty-related attainment gap.
- The quality and range of outdoor learning experiences in the nursery to encourage children to explore, discover and be creative.

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

- Senior leaders should strengthen their approaches to planning for improvement across the school and nursery by analysing and sharing evidence of improvement more clearly.
- As planned, review the purpose of the school's curriculum and ensure that all children in the school and nursery receive a broad and balanced curriculum.
- As planned, improve attendance and reduce exclusions within the school.
- Improve further the planning for children's learning and the approaches used to make sure children are making progress in the nursery.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Timothy's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
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	

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. 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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