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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Teresa'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 headteacher's very strong and caring leadership. This is having a positive effect on the wellbeing of children, staff, parents and partners. It is also leading to all members of the school community being empowered to take forward and contribute to key aspects of school improvement.
- The nurturing, highly-inclusive ethos in the nursery and at the primary stages, which enables all children to learn successfully and feel a strong sense of belonging. This is supported by shared values and extremely positive relationships across the school community.
- The outstanding, inclusive support which is offered to children at the primary stages, particularly those who require significant additional support with their learning. Teachers and support assistants are creative in using targeted interventions very well to meet children's needs.

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

- Continue to lead improvements in children's learning and progress in the nursery class.
- Continue to improve approaches to assessing children's learning at the primary stages. This will help children to understand their learning more effectively and attain as highly as possible.

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 Teresa's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	excellent
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	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

[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. 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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