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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited St Ninian'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 outstanding leadership of positive change led by the headteacher, who is enabling high quality professional learning and leadership opportunities for staff and children across the school. As a result, the effective pace of change is leading to improved outcomes for children.
- The very strong relationships and inclusive, nurturing approaches across the primary school which have resulted in well-behaved, highly-motivated and engaged children who are progressing very well in their learning.
- The high importance placed on developing children's health and wellbeing to enable all children to feel included and engage with learning effectively.
- The school's highly effective approach to planning, tracking and monitoring children's attainment across the primary stages. This accurately informs targeted interventions which help meet children's needs effectively.
- The nurturing nursery environment which is enriched by very positive relationships with children and their families. Children are enthusiastic, confident and making good progress in their learning.

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

- Continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching by sharing the very good practice which is evident across the school.
- Continue to develop the strategic leadership of the nursery to ensure progression in learning across early level.

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 Ninian's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

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

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of environment	very good
Quality of staffing	good
Quality of management and leadership	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 are no requirements and no recommendations.

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/inspection-reports/stirling/5725623> and the [Care Inspectorate website](#).

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. Stirling 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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