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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St John the Baptist Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

St John the Baptist nursery class was inspected by the Care Inspectorate within the past 18 months. Therefore, we have agreed with the local authority and school that the nursery class is not part of this inspection.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- A powerful sense of community, based on Gospel values. This contributes positively to the warm and nurturing relationships across the school. As a result, children learn in a happy and inclusive community of faith and learning.
- Children who are welcoming, friendly and polite. They are proud of their school, keen to learn and engage well with their learning activities.
- School staff who work very effectively with a wide range of local authority and third sector partners to support children's learning and wellbeing needs well.
- Senior leaders' and staff's robust approaches to tracking and monitoring health and wellbeing. This results in staff supporting all children's wellbeing very effectively.

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

- Strengthen further approaches to evaluating the work of the school to ensure continuing improvement. In so doing, increase the involvement of children, parents and partners in evaluating the work of the school.
- Increase the pace and challenge in children's learning activities to enable them to make the best possible progress.
- Develop further approaches to check children's progress in learning and achievements across the curriculum.

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 John the Baptist Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | very 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 Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ken McAra
HM Inspector