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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Todholm Primary School and Early Learning Childcare 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.

- Confident children who benefit from nurturing relationships with staff and each other. They enjoy learning within a wide range of interesting contexts.
- The work of the school to promote reading and the very positive impact on children, their families and the wider community.
- The outstanding leadership of the headteacher and her ability to empower both staff and children to lead areas of the school. She has established the school as a valued part of the local and wider community.
- The very positive impact of family learning. As a result of the welcoming ethos and range of opportunities to work with the school, parents and families are ably supporting children's learning and developing new skills.
- The role of the nursery in leading the Early Years Local Learning Community. This work is reaching into the local community and having a significant impact on children and families.
- The range and quality of professional learning undertaken by all staff across the school and the nursery and how this is leading to creative and motivating learning experiences for children.

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

- Staff should continue with their plans to review how they plan and assess learning.
- Continue to help children understand and develop skills for life, learning and work.

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 Todholm Primary School and Early Learning Childcare Class

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

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8626626>

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. Renfrewshire 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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