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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Edward'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 nurturing ethos and learning environment across the school and the nursery class, which is supported by very positive and respectful relationships. Well-embedded values of respect, honesty, self-belief, and kindness reflect well the school's strong Catholic identity.
- The headteacher's highly effective leadership, and the commitment and dedication of all staff and partners, to ensure positive outcomes for children and families.
- Staff's very strong knowledge of children and their families, which helps them to support and meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of the school community effectively.
- Children's very strong progress in literacy and numeracy across the school.
- Children's development of skills through a wide variety of leadership opportunities across the school.

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

- Develop a reduced number of focused improvement priorities for both the school and the nursery class. This will help staff and partners to have a better understanding of their next steps and to review progress more easily.
- Continue to develop high-quality learning, teaching and assessment across the school and the nursery class. This should ensure that all children can be creative and active in their learning and experience appropriate levels of challenge.
- Continue to review creative approaches to the teaching of writing across the early level.
- Continue to develop play throughout the school to support further all children's learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#) 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 Edward's Primary School

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>very good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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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