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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Andrew'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 respectful and caring relationships between children and adults. Children are polite, well-mannered and proud of their school and nursery. They feel well supported by staff and included in the life of the school.
- Senior leaders' and staffs' approach to developing effective processes to track children's progress and identify children who may require additional support for learning.
- In the school, children make good progress in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Teachers and practitioners should continue to improve learning and teaching in the school and nursery. This will support children to make the progress they are capable of.
- Teachers and practitioners should use information gathered through assessment opportunities to design tasks and activities matched at the right level of difficulty for children.
- Senior leaders now need to increase the focus on how to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy. With staff, they should check children's progress more regularly to measure the difference they are making to children's attainment throughout the year.

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 Andrew's Primary School and Nursery Class

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

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Securing children's progress	satisfactory
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/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page//?id=4441>

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.

Gillian Frew
HM Inspector