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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Brendan'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.

- There is strong and effective leadership from the headteacher. She is ably supported by enthusiastic staff, parents, children and partners who willingly take on leadership roles to improve the school and nursery.
- Staff meet the care and wellbeing needs of children and families across the school and nursery with warmth, care and consideration. This results in a calm, relaxed and nurturing environment where children are respectful, supportive and kind to each other.
- Across the school, children's attainment in literacy and numeracy is high and they benefit from a wide range of high-quality achievements. The strong approach to digital learning within the school is supporting this and is helping to motivate and support learners.

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

- Continue to develop learning experiences across the wider curriculum in a planned way. This will support children to build more effectively on their learning as they progress through school.
- Within the nursery, assess and record more effectively the skills children are developing. This will help strengthen understanding about the progress children are making.
- Within the nursery, continue to improve current approaches for planning children's next steps in learning to ensure children make the best possible progress.

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 Brendan's Primary School and Nursery Class

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>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>satisfactory</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:

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### 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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