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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Ronan's Primary School. St Ronan's Primary School nursery class was inspected by 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. 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 outstanding leadership of the headteacher and two highly-effective principal teachers. Together they have created a very strong staff team who provide a nurturing and inclusive environment for all children.
- Across the school, children are very articulate, kind and supportive. They contribute fully to learning experiences by making decisions about their own learning and providing encouragement to their peers to ensure that others succeed.
- The headteacher and staff have a clear focus on improving learning and teaching. Teachers provide well thought out activities and support for children which is improving their attainment and wellbeing.
- Staff are enthusiastic about improving their own learning and take on lead roles to help improve the school for children. As a result, children are treated equally, and all are included fully in school life.
- Across the school, children have very high levels of attainment and present work to a high standard. Teachers assess children's needs very well to ensure that all children receive the correct support and challenge to make the best possible progress.

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

- As planned, teachers should continue to extend the learning opportunities for all children in the area of food and nutrition.
- As planned, teachers should now increase the opportunities for children to experience learning that links across different subjects. In doing this, they should continue to support children to build on their skills effectively across the curriculum as they move through the school.

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 Ronan's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	excellent
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very 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: [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. West Dunbartonshire 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