

4 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2025, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Joseph's Primary School. 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 highly effective headteacher provides very strong leadership and direction to the work of the school. The headteacher is supported very well by the depute headteacher and principal teachers. Together, with all staff, they are highly ambitious for all children.
- Children who are happy, enthusiastic, and confident. They are successful and independent learners who are achieving important skills for learning, life and work. They display the Gospel values of hope, compassion, justice and love as they learn and play together. Children are very proud of their school.
- Together, staff and children create a welcoming, nurturing, caring and inclusive ethos. This supports positive relationships and a strong sense of community. Children feel confident, secure and able to flourish as a result.
- All staff work very well together as a team. They engage effectively with professional learning, research and reflect regularly on its impact on their practice. As a result, high-quality learning and teaching is leading to very strong levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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

- Continue to build on the highly effective practice in learning, teaching and assessment.
- As planned, continue to develop approaches to the tracking and monitoring of skills across the curriculum.

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 Joseph's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
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:

[St Joseph's Primary School | Inspection Report | 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. East Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Fraser Gillan
HM Inspector