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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Tinto 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.

- Children across the school lead meaningful change in their school and community. They recognise the positive impact they have in their school and beyond. Children are very proud of their collective and individual successes and achievements.
- Practitioners in the nursery respond very well to children's needs and interests. Their skilful interactions lead to positive outcomes for children.
- The headteacher and principal teacher provide strong leadership to the school community. They have created a climate of continuous improvement where all staff feel empowered and motivated to lead change.
- Staff plan and deliver high-quality learning experiences outdoors. Children are highly motivated by the range of interesting and engaging outdoor spaces and learning opportunities.
- All staff prioritise children's wellbeing. Children feel safe, valued as individuals, and cared for in the nursery and school.

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

- Continue to develop approaches to assessing children's progress. Staff should broaden the range of evidence gathered to demonstrate the progress children make as they move through the school.
- Build on the positive work to improve further approaches to learning and teaching. Staff should ensure that all children experience learning that provides the right amount of challenge.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four 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 Tinto Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
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
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
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:

[Tinto 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. South 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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