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Dear Parent/Carer

In June 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Mary'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.

- Confident and happy children who are proud of their school and use their school values very well to shape their learning and relationships.
- The very effective senior leadership team who, together with all staff from across the school, have high aspirations for their children. They have created a nurturing and inclusive learning environment where children thrive and achieve.
- Challenging and interesting learning activities with high-quality support for children. As a result, children are making very good progress in their literacy and numeracy.

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

- Continue to improve approaches to learning and teaching with a focus on planning activities that take account of the different strengths and needs of children.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 Mary's Primary School

| Quality indicators for the primary school  | Evaluation       |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>   | <b>very good</b> |
| <b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>  | <b>very good</b> |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from:<br><a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a> |                  |

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [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. Renfrewshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Monica Reilly  
HM Inspector