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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Patrick'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.

- Articulate, enthusiastic and confident children who clearly demonstrate their school and gospel values. They are motivated by meaningful leadership opportunities and are very proud of their school.
- The strong leadership provided by the school's senior leaders. They create and support a positive, nurturing and inclusive ethos and lead change well. They are highly respected by the school community.
- All staff work very well together as a team. They engage well in professional learning and regularly reflect on their practice. This is driving forward improvement and securing positive outcomes for all children.

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

- Continue to develop and embed a shared understanding of what high quality teaching and learning looks like at St Patrick's Primary School.
- Develop methods to more fully measure the impact of interventions. This will help evaluate what difference these make to children's progress and attainment.
- Continue to develop and embed literacy and numeracy approaches which support raising attainment.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Patrick's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>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>	

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. South Ayrshire 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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