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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2020, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St James' 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 school's nurturing ethos, reflecting strong Gospel values, which promotes inclusive and supportive relationships across the school.
- Children who are articulate, well behaved and respectful of each other. They are proud of their school and are keen to learn.
- Effective teamwork, led by the headteacher and her senior leadership team. They empower all staff to engage in professional learning and research to improve experiences and outcomes for children.
- The school's approach to developing a culture of reading by providing a range of activities for children and their parents. This includes a well-stocked school library and an environment which is rich in books.

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

- Continue to develop consistently high quality learning and teaching approaches, which encourage children to lead their learning.
- Continue to establish effective planning, tracking and assessment procedures to ensure children are developing skills for learning, life and work.
- Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy for all children.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4561>.

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.

Lorraine Fisher
 HM Inspector