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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Cadoc's 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.

- The school's values, aligned to the Gospel values, support a very positive ethos for learning. Staff and children enjoy mutually respectful relationships which ensure a calm and purposeful learning environment for the school and nursery.
- Teachers' skilful and highly-effective use of questions during learning. This encourages children across the school to think deeply about what and how they learn. Teachers use well-considered questions to adapt the learning to meet the needs of all children.
- Staff's strong approaches to learning through play in the early school years that allow children to be curious and creative as independent and resilient learners.
- Staff's approaches to teaching literacy and numeracy in the school which have resulted in children's sustained and high levels of attainment.

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

- Across the school and nursery, senior leaders and staff should continue to develop regular opportunities for children to lead their learning and learn independently. This will offer children increased challenge in their learning.
- Teachers should continue to develop their approaches to assessing children's progress across curricular areas outwith literacy and numeracy. This will help develop teachers' confidence in accurately identifying children's progress across their learning.
- Senior leaders and practitioners in the nursery should continue to improve their approaches to planning, assessment and monitoring and tracking of children's progress. This will help practitioners to increase children's progress in learning.

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

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	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: [St Cadoc's Primary School | Inspection Report](#)

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.

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