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Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Fillan'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 caring, compassionate leadership of the headteacher, who, together with senior leaders and staff has created a mutually respectful, calm learning environment across the school and nursery class.
- The highly effective leadership and strong teamwork in the nursery class. High quality interactions and experiences in the nursery class, result in children who make very good progress in their learning.
- Children benefit from high-quality, active learning in science which motivates and engages them well. Through this, children are developing a wide range of knowledge and skills, relating to learning, life and work.
- Staff, across the school and nursery class have high expectations and along with children, are proud of their school community. This is leading to strong attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.

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

- Senior leaders should ensure they use all available information when identifying the school's strengths and areas for improvement. This will help them to identify specific areas for development in the school improvement plan more effectively.
- Senior leaders should continue to empower children to have more influence in decision making and in their learning.
- Teachers should continue to plan tasks and activities set at the appropriate level of challenge for all children.

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 St Fillan's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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: [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. Glasgow City 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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