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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Our Lady of the Missions 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 highly articulate, confident and ambitious children. Their knowledge and influence in decision making in relevant contexts about the school, wider community, national and global issues is strong.
- Children's progress is carefully tracked; commendably involving the associated early learning and childcare setting and secondary school. As a result of working closely with staff across the cluster, there is a shared understanding of standards. Staff in Our Lady of the Missions Primary School take very good account of what children already know before they start school in P1 and build on this through carefully planned interventions. This sector leading practice continues in the associated secondary school until children complete their national qualifications.
- The very high levels of children's attainment in literacy, numeracy and science through a whole school approach ensuring excellence and equity of opportunity for all children. Through teamwork and a shared vision, these provide children with a broad range of experiences and achievements that enable them to succeed.
- Highly effective leadership of all staff and their team work which focuses on improving outcomes for children. Approaches to professional learning, including professional enquiry by teachers across the school to underpin improvements for children is commendable.
- The leadership of the headteacher and senior management team in quality assuring the work of the school and the focus on high quality learning and teaching. They all challenge themselves and each other to ensure children experience learning that is appropriate and makes a difference to the ethos and life of the school as a community.

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

- Continue to develop children's understanding of themselves across all areas of the curriculum and learning.
- Continue to build on the school's approaches to improvement that involve meaningful partnerships with parents and the wider community. In taking forward health and wellbeing, ensure that all children access regular conversations about their wellbeing.

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 Our Lady of the Missions Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	excellent
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/inspection-reports/east-renfrewshire/8600325>

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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 HM Inspector