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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Bernadette'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.

- The headteacher and principal teacher provide strong leadership to the school community. They have created a climate of continuous improvement where staff are driven by their high aspirations for all children.
- Teachers have a strong shared approach to professional learning. They work very well together to improve children's experiences. This ensures children are engaged, motivated and eager to learn.
- Children are articulate, compassionate and enthusiastic learners. They proudly ensure that everyone is respected and included in their school.
- Staff work very well with partners to support and improve children's wellbeing. They have established a nurturing environment where children flourish as a result of the consistent, calm and caring approach of all staff.
- Staff have developed effective approaches to identify children who need additional support with their learning and wellbeing. They 'meet every child where they are' and ensure all children make the best possible progress.

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

- Teachers should continue to support children to lead their own learning.
- Staff should continue to ensure all children make appropriate progress in their learning across the curriculum.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at: [St Bernadette's Primary | Inspection Report | 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. North Lanarkshire 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