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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Thomas' 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 new headteacher has brought stability and cohesion to St Thomas' Primary School through her effective leadership within a short timeframe. She led the school admirably through the transition to a new shared campus, where staff and children feel settled and motivated in their new environment.
- Senior leaders have very clear approaches to understanding children's learning and wellbeing needs. Staff focus on children who need extra support and working as a team, they meet children's needs very well.
- Almost all learners across the school demonstrate the school values consistently. Across the school there is a strong, positive and inclusive ethos, where children benefit from respectful and caring relationships with their peers and with staff.

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

- Staff should raise attainment further by setting all learning experiences at the appropriate pace and level of challenge. This should ensure that all children make the best possible progress.
- Senior leaders should extend the range of moderation opportunities for staff to participate in, beyond the school. As staff develop their experience, this should lead to increased breadth and depth in children's learning.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using four quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#). 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 Thomas' Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale</a>	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:  
[St Thomas' Primary School | 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. 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.

Tracie McEwan  
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