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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Ninian'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.

- Senior leaders, supported well by staff, ensure positive relationships exist across the school and uphold the school's vision and values very well. This is helping children to engage well with their learning and contribute effectively to their school community.
- Senior leaders and teachers work well in partnership to gather reliable information about how well children are progressing with their learning. This is helping them to make accurate decisions on how to best support children to move their learning forward.
- Children are making good progress in their learning. They are improving their skills in leadership, helping the community and increasing participation in healthy living activities.
- Senior leaders and teachers accurately identify children who would benefit from more support. This is helping them put useful plans in place for children, raising their attainment and reducing the poverty related attainment gap.

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

- Senior leaders should continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching across the school. They should continue to work with staff to embed the learning and teaching policy to provide consistent teaching approaches in all classes.
- Senior leaders should continue to develop approaches to measuring the impact of the support the school offers children. This should include how staff track the skills children develop over time.

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 St Ninian's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [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. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

David McKellar
HM Inspector