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Dear Parent/Carer

In March 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Ninian'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 headteacher and depute headteacher provide strong and highly effective leadership. Teachers are empowered to lead change and improvement across the school.
- Across the school and nursery, children are making good progress in their learning. They benefit from high-quality learning and teaching and positive relationships with staff and each other. As a result, they are confident, happy and enjoy their learning.
- Children are developing important leadership skills and have very good opportunities to be involved in decisions about their school. Children know that their views are valued. They understand children's rights and how these can improve their lives and the lives of other children.
- Transition arrangements are strong and as a result, children are being well supported to build on their learning as they move into secondary school.

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

- Staff should continue to develop how they assess children's progress. This assessment information should be used to ensure all children attain and achieve as highly as possible.
- The senior leadership team should work more closely with leaders in the nursery. This will allow them to support further the nursery team and monitor the progress children are making.

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 Ninian's Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Securing children's progress	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:

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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. Dundee 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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