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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St John'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 very positive, caring ethos across the school based on Catholic values. Effectively led by the headteacher, staff create strong relationships and a sense of belonging where children feel happy. Children know they are valued.
- The leadership team has established strong relationships across the school community including with parents, a range of agencies, services and charities. This is providing extended experiences for all children and support to children and their families.
- Teachers' enthusiastic and collaborative approach to professional learning which is leading to improved outcomes for children.
- Effective approaches to digital learning which are enhancing and enriching learning across the curriculum. Children are responding well, are motivated and engaged as they use digital technology in their learning.

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

- The newly established senior leadership team should continue to improve the monitoring and tracking of children's progress to ensure a clear focus on raising attainment across all curriculum areas.
- Continue to develop a cohesive and consistent approach to assessment across the school. In doing this, staff should develop assessment approaches which capture how children apply their learning in new contexts.

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 John's Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | 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:
<https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4572>.

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