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Dear Parent/Carer

In October 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Holy Family Primary School and Early Years Centre. 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.

- Children who are polite and support one another thoughtfully. They are proud of their school and their achievements. Children are respected and valued members of their community.
- The headteacher and staff know children and families well. Together they have developed positive relationships across the school community.
- A nursery team who are highly reflective and continually strive to improve learning experiences for children.
- The effective teamwork of teaching staff to improve approaches to learning and teaching.

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

- Stronger strategic leadership is required to ensure continuous improvement across the early years centre and school.
- Improve approaches to self-evaluation. Ensure improvement priorities are based on the needs of the school and lead to improved outcomes for all children.
- Improve whole school approaches to tracking and monitoring children's progress and achievement across the early years centre and school to ensure all children are making the best possible progress in their learning.

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

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>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>	

Quality indicators for the early years centre	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Securing children's progress</b>	<b>good</b>
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: <a href="#">How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale</a>	

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=2979>

### 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 Dunbartonshire 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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