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Dear Parent/Carer

In November 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate visited St John Paul II 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.

- Happy, friendly and polite children who demonstrate great pride in their school. They welcome visitors with confidence and enthusiasm and are keen to share their school's achievements. They engage very well in their learning in an attractive, calm and purposeful learning environment.
- The headteacher who has helped to create a caring and inclusive atmosphere for learning across the school. Together, with the depute headteacher and staff team, he is committed to achieving positive outcomes for all children.
- Strong partnership working across the whole school community and beyond which helps to promote children's and families' positive attitudes to learning and the work of the school.
- Reflective practitioners in the nursery class who use their professional learning well to support their children and families.

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

- Continue to raise children's attainment in literacy and numeracy across the school.
- Continue to develop approaches to planning children's learning in the nursery class and school.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using 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 John Paul II Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very 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	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	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	

Here are the Care Inspectorate's gradings for the nursery class

Care Inspectorate standards	Grade
Quality of care and support	very good
Quality of staffing	very good

Requirements/recommendations made by Care Inspectorate for the nursery class

During the previous Care Inspectorate inspection, the setting had two recommendations. Both recommendations have been met. As a result of this inspection, there are no requirements and no recommendations.

This letter and 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=3104>

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. North Lanarkshire 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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