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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2018, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Fergus' 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 commitment of the staff team, driven by the headteacher, to improving the life chances of children. Strong teamwork is evident across staff as they work hard to provide a positive learning environment for children.
- The development of a 'can do' attitude in children who are confident in taking on new challenges. Children feel supported and encouraged by staff to achieve their best. The work of staff in providing a bright and stimulating learning environment for children.
- The very inclusive and nurturing approach by staff, which ensures children feel safe and cared for whilst at school.
- Children's understanding of health and wellbeing and the support provided by the school to ensure children develop in this area. Children's engagement in assessment of their wellbeing.

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

- Ensure greater consistency across the school in providing planned experiences for children to successfully lead their learning.
- Continue to seek ways to increase parental engagement in children's learning and the life of the school.
- Continue to develop successful strategies to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
<b>Leadership of change</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>good</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>very good</b>

Descriptions of the evaluations are available from [How good is our school? \(4<sup>th</sup> edition\)](#), [Appendix 3: The six-point scale](#).

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8625921>.

### 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. 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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