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Dear Parent/Carer

In February 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St John Bosco 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 highly effective and dynamic leadership of the headteacher and depute headteachers. Together, they have managed a significant process of change exceptionally well, to build an inclusive, new school community with colleagues across the shared campus.
- Respectful, enthusiastic and particularly well-mannered children. They are motivated by relevant and active learning experiences, and are rightly very proud of their nursery and school.
- The inclusive, welcoming and nurturing environment for learning, which is based firmly on an ethos of faith and core values. Staff, children, parents and partners feel valued and fully involved in the life of the nursery and school.
- Strong collegiate working with a range of partners and agencies within the community, who enhance learning experiences for children. The school benefits greatly from the very supportive parent body, Parent Council and nursery parents' committee.
- Highly effective arrangements for transitions into and beyond the nursery and school. The strong sense of teamwork amongst staff and partners ensures that all children are very well supported as they encounter change.

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

- Across the nursery and school, continue to share best practice in learning, teaching and assessment, streamlining and refining record-keeping and paperwork wherever possible.

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 John Bosco Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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
Securing children's progress	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	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:

<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/renfrewshire/8621926>

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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