

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 February 2024
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject:	Education Scotland Report – St Ninian’s Primary School
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise of the outcome of the inspection of St Ninian’s Primary School by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Education Scotland report on St Ninian’s Primary School be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. St Ninian’s Primary School was inspected in October 2023 as part of a national sample of primary education.
- 3.2. As part of the revised approach to inspection, the Education Scotland inspectors evaluated learning, teaching and assessment and raising attainment and achievement.
- 3.3. The inspection team analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils and to all staff. Inspectors observed class lessons and interviewed groups of pupils, including the pupil council, and staff. Members of the inspection team also met parents and members of the local community.
- 3.4. The report by Education Scotland was published on 21 November 2023

4. Finding of HM inspectors

4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:-

- ♦ learning provision
- ♦ children’s successes and achievements

4.2. The particular strengths of the school were identified as follows:-

- ♦ Senior leaders, supported well by staff, ensure positive relationships exist across the school and uphold the school’s vision and values very well. This is helping children to engage well with their learning and contribute effectively to their school community.

- ◆ Senior leaders and teachers work well in partnership to gather reliable information about how well children are progressing with their learning. This is helping them to make accurate decisions on how to best support children to move their learning forward.
- ◆ Children are making good progress in their learning. They are improving their skills in leadership, helping the community and increasing participation in healthy living activities.
- ◆ Senior leaders and teachers accurately identify children who would benefit from more support. This is helping them put useful plans in place for children, raising their attainment and reducing the poverty related attainment gap.

4.3. Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-

- ◆ Senior leaders should continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching across the school. They should continue to work with staff to embed the learning and teaching policy to provide consistent teaching approaches in all classes.
- ◆ Senior leaders should continue to develop approaches to measuring the impact of the support the school offers children. This should include how staff track the skills children develop over time.

4.4. As well as welcoming the strengths of the school, it should be noted that the areas for continued improvement are already being incorporated into the schools improvement plan.

4.5. Education Scotland are confident that school has the capacity to continue to improve and so will make no more visits in connection with this inspection.

The school community are very pleased with the findings of the inspection team and welcome the areas that they have identified, as these marry with the school's own self-evaluation.

4.6. Additional inspection evidence can be accessed by clicking the following web link:
[Education Scotland Report - St Ninian's Primary School](#)

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. None

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

9.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council meetings.

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31 January 2024

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Education Scotland Report of St Ninian's Primary School - 21 November 2023

Contact for Further Information

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