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Dear Parent/Carer

In December 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Charles' 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.

- Warm, welcoming ethos underpinned by the Gospel values where children are well behaved, friendly and well-mannered.
- Strong, well organised support for children with additional support needs which is leading to improved outcomes for learners.
- Positive working relationships between staff which supports a team approach to school improvement.

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

- Further develop consistency in learning and teaching across the school to ensure high-quality learning experiences in all classes.
- Improve further the way in which teachers use progression pathways for all curricular areas to plan effective learning, teaching and assessment.
- Develop more rigorous approaches to monitoring and tracking of children's progress in order to raise attainment further.
- Further develop the ways in which the school gathers and uses information on the work of the school. The leadership team should provide clear support and guidance for all to help the school improve further.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education 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 evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St Charles' Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	satisfactory
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory
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 .	

A more detailed document called summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8456623>

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. South 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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