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Dear Parent/Carer

In May 2017, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St John's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff. We gathered evidence to evaluate the quality of leadership and management, learning provision and children's successes and achievements.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work:

- Courteous, respectful children who have a positive attitude to learning encouraged by the school's approach to children's rights. They are polite, well behaved and are eager to learn. They are proud of their school.
- An inclusive ethos underpinned by the school's approach to promoting rights which results in children feeling valued and well supported.
- The capacity of staff to work together to drive improvements at St John's Primary School.

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

- Senior leaders, with on-going support from the local authority, need to adopt a more strategic approach to leading change that results in improved outcomes for children.
- More robust analysis and use of data to inform interventions is needed. Build on approaches to self-evaluation to ensure the work of the school is being effectively monitored and leads to improvement.
- Develop high-quality teaching, learning and assessment across the school that provides children with greater levels of challenge.

**Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is good and what needs to be improved in the work of the school.** You can find these quality indicators in the publication *How good is our school*<sup>1</sup>? Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of three important quality indicators to keep track of how well all Scottish schools are doing.

## Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St John's Primary School

<b>Leadership of Change</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Learning, teaching and assessment</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Raising attainment and achievement</b>	<b>satisfactory</b>
<b>Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</b>	<b>good</b>

The letter and more detailed summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://www.education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8521824>.

### 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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HM Inspector

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<sup>1</sup> How good is our school? (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) 2015 [How good is our school? \(fourth edition\)](#)

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