

25 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

In April 2024, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Kessog's 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.

- Children benefit from very positive relationships with adults and peers in St Kessog's Primary School and Lomond Base. Staff have developed a strong nurturing and inclusive environment.
- Staff are attuned to the individual needs of children and use this knowledge effectively to provide the correct level of support for children. This supports children to understand and manage their emotions and engage in learning well.
- The headteacher and senior leadership team provide strong leadership with a clear vision for improvement. This motivates staff, children, parents/carers and partners to engage well and demonstrate their commitment to improving the school.
- Staff have developed an effective whole school communication approach. This supports children across the school and Lomond Base to co-operate and engage well.

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

- Staff should continue to develop high-quality learning and teaching more consistently across the school. They should ensure all children experience appropriate pace and progress in their learning.
- Senior leaders and teachers should continue to develop clear evidence of improvement in attainment for all children. They should identify and analyse this evidence to ensure that all children make the best possible progress in their learning.

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

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	good
Raising attainment and achievement	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 (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

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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. West Dunbartonshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

David Drysdale
HM Inspector