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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2022, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Our Holy Redeemer 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.

- The headteacher demonstrates very strong leadership skills. She is hard-working, caring and reflective. Along with senior leaders and staff, she supports the school community very well and continues to ensure that children's wellbeing, equality and inclusion needs are met very effectively.
- There is a very positive, nurturing Catholic ethos across the school. The values of respect, love and faith are noticeable in almost all relationships. The value of learning is central to the school's vision, "Learn to love, love to learn".
- All staff reflect regularly on their practice and embrace professional learning. This is leading to improvements to children's learning experiences and outcomes.

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

- Staff should continue to develop a shared understanding of standards in literacy and numeracy by engaging more fully with the National Benchmarks and in moderation activities. This will strengthen the accuracy of teachers' professional judgements. They should also use data more effectively to further inform the school's work and to continue to improve outcomes for all children.
- Staff should continue to improve the consistency of high-quality learning and teaching across the school.

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 Our Holy Redeemer Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very 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: [Reports page | Inspection reports | Education Scotland](#)

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.

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