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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2026, a team of HM Inspectors of Education visited Christie Park Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Centre (ELCC). 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.

- Senior leaders and staff have created a highly positive, inclusive and nurturing environment in the school and ELCC. Children benefit from well-organised, supportive learning spaces that promote learning and engagement. Children are polite, respectful and display the school values well.

- Teachers collaborate well together to plan, share practice and engage in professional learning to improve children's learning experiences. Together with senior leaders they make effective use of data to support successfully children to participate well in their learning.

- Senior leaders, staff and partners support children to engage in a range of motivating and enriching activities. Children experience success in different contexts, developing important skills for learning life and work, including leadership and teamwork.

- In the ELCC all staff, led effectively by the lead early learning and child care officer, work very well together to support children and families. As a result, children are happy, settled and make good progress in their learning.

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

- Teachers should continue to improve the consistency and quality of learning and teaching, providing appropriately challenging learning experiences which are well matched to children's needs and abilities.

- Continue to raise attainment for individual and groups of children, particularly in writing.

- In the ELCC, staff should continue to strengthen how assessment informs how they plan effective learning. They should review the learning environment to encourage children's curiosity, creativity, and independence in learning.

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We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using two 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 HMIE's evaluations for Christie Park Primary School and ELCC

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**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	

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the ELCC's work using two quality indicators from the Quality improvement framework for the early learning and childcare sectors.

Quality indicators for the ELCC	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	**good**
Children's Progress	**good**

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the HMIE website at: Christie Park Primary School | Inspection Report | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in Scotland

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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.

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On behalf of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland

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