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**Report of a Baseline Inspection Visit**

**of**

**Ballinderry Primary School Nursery Unit  
Lisburn**

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## **INSPECTION VISIT TO BALLINDERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY UNIT**

In 2009, the South Eastern Education and Library Board established a nursery unit providing a morning class in Ballinderry Primary School for children in their pre-school year.

An inspection visit to the nursery unit was carried out on Tuesday 30 April 2013. This inspection evaluation is based on evidence gained from in-class observations and from the scrutiny of arrange of relevant documentation provided by the school. At the time of the inspection visit the permanent nursery teacher was on a period of extended leave and the substitute teacher was in post for a very short period.

### **Summary of main findings**

During the visit, the following strengths of the nursery unit were observed:

- the caring, inclusive and respectful ethos based on excellent working relationships at all levels;
- the high quality learning environment both indoors and outdoors;
- the very effective staff interactions with the children which develop the children's learning and development;
- the well planned, broad and balanced pre-school programme which provides very good to excellent opportunities for learning in almost all areas of the pre-school curriculum;
- the very effective links developed with the parents, the adjoining primary school and other professionals; and
- the well embedded self-evaluative approach to development planning leading to continuous improvement.

### **Conclusion**

In the areas inspected, the quality of education provided by this Nursery unit is very good. The nursery unit is meeting very effectively the educational and pastoral needs of the children and has demonstrated its capacity for sustained self-improvement.

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