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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

Rascals Playstation Community Playgroup Enniskillen

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FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF RASCALS PLAYSTATION COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, ENNISKILLEN, CO FERMANAGH, BT94 2ER (2AB-0455)

The inspection of Rascals Playstation Community Playgroup in March 2011 highlighted strengths in the well-behaved children, the high levels of sustained interaction between the staff and the children, the development of learning in all areas of the pre-school programme and the committed staff. The inspection also identified the need for improvement in the following key areas:

the revision of the safeguarding policies and procedures in order to ensure that the controlled access to the playroom is effective throughout the daily session; and

the development of the leadership and management at all levels to ensure that the staff roles and responsibilities are clearly defined in the development planning process.

In the interval since the inspection, the following actions which affect the work of the playgroup have taken place.

- The playgroup management committee and leader have worked effectively to ensure that the playroom and the outdoor area are fully secure.
- The staff have visited other playgroups and established links with pre-school professionals to support their on-going training and development.

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a monitoring visit in May 2011 and a follow-up inspection on 8 June 2012.

The action plan produced by the playgroup in response to the inspection findings was of a good quality.

The playgroup's development plan was adjusted in light of the inspection findings.

The following are the most important improvements since the inspection:

- the staff have secured the playroom with a controlled access system;
- the outdoor play area is now fenced and on the day of the inspection the children enjoyed playing in a safe and secure area;
- the staff have developed further as an effective team with the leader taking responsibility for communicating information to the parents and record-keeping with regard to risk assessments;
- the staff are continuing to build on the very good quality of their interactions with the children and are developing further their leadership and management skills;
- the staff have begun to use a self-evaluative tool to support them in development planning for the playgroup; and
- the early years specialist from the Early Years Organisation has provided very good guidance and support to enable the staff to make changes and to begin the self-evaluation process through action-planning for improvement.

In the areas inspected, the quality of education provided by this playgroup is now good. The playgroup has important strengths in most of its educational and pastoral provision. The follow-up inspection has identified some aspects of the areas for improvement still to be addressed but equally the organisation has demonstrated the capacity to address these.

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