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## **Education and Training Inspectorate**

### **Report of a Follow-up Inspection**

**Aughnacloy Playgroup  
Aughnacloy**

**May 2016**

## **FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF AUGHNACLOY PLAYGROUP, AUGHNACLOY (5AB-0233)**

The original inspection carried out in May 2014 concluded that the playgroup needed to address important areas for improvement in the interest of all the learners.<sup>1</sup>

### **The most important areas for improvement were to:**

- develop the planning further to identify clearly the learning potential in the activities and use the information to guide the staff more effectively in their work with the children; and
- improve the working relationships between the staff and the management committee to promote improvement and support effective development planning.

The Education and Training inspectorate (ETI) carried out two monitoring visits during 2015 with a follow-up inspection on 26 May 2016.

The action plans received by the Department of Education following the inspection were adjusted appropriately in light of the feedback given by the ETI during the interim visits.

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

- there has been a change in the core staff and also in the membership of the management committee;
- the staff and the management committee have received extensive support from the early years specialist and the Early Years Organisation; and
- there has been significant improvements made to the quality and range of resources for indoor and outdoor play.

### **Key findings**

- The attractively presented and very well resourced outdoor area is used effectively to provide valuable opportunities for the children's development across all areas of the pre-school curriculum.
- The quality of the interaction between the staff and the children is consistently of a high standard.
- The written planning outlines variety and progression in the children's learning; there is a need to continue to develop the evaluations of the planning with a clearer focus on the outcomes for the children.
- The overall quality of the pre-school programme has improved significantly with good to outstanding opportunities across all areas of the pre-school curriculum. The World Around Us, Language Development and Early Mathematical Experiences are particular strengths of the provision.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.etini.gov.uk/index/inspection-reports/inspection-reports-pre-school-centre-and-nursery-school/inspection-reports-pre-school-2014/preschool-inspection-aughnacloy-playgroup-ltd-dungannon.pdf>

- The review of the room layout and the development of aspects of the organisation of the day have provided valuable opportunities for the children to engage in more settled, concentrated and sustained play.
- The working relationships between the staff and the management committee have improved and have impacted positively on the development and improvement agenda. It will be important that these working relationships continue to develop to ensure that the high quality of the provision observed during the follow-up inspection is sustained.

### **Overall effectiveness**

Aughnacloy Playgroup demonstrates the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all the children. The ETI will continue to monitor how the playgroup sustains improvement, in particular, the need to:

- develop the evaluations of the planning with a clearer focus on the outcomes for the children.

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