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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

**Bunnahone Bunnies Cross-Community Playgroup
Derrygonnelly, Enniskillen**

October 2009

FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF BUNNAHONE BUNNIES CROSS-COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, DERRYGONNELLY, ENNISKILLEN, CO FERMANAGH, BT93 6HW (2AB-0445)

The inspection in May 2008 highlighted strengths in the playgroup's provision which included the child-centred approaches to learning, the caring staff and the children's good behaviour. The inspection identified the need for improvement in the following key areas;

- the staff needed to become more skilful in promoting learning through the play;
- develop the overall quality of the provision for special educational needs;
- develop the planning and assessment methods; and
- there was a need to identify a deputy designated person for child protection in the playgroup, to include training for new staff and to appoint a designated person for child protection on the management group.

In the interval since the inspection, the following action which affects the work of the playgroup has taken place.

- A new early years specialist was appointed after the inspection.
- A social services support worker provided advice, support and guidance to the staff.
- A new deputy leader was appointed in September 2009.
- The leader has reviewed the policies and practice for the management of the playgroup.

Since 2008, the Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) has carried out two monitoring visits.

The action plan produced by the organisation in response to the inspection findings was of a good quality and was adjusted appropriately in light of feedback provided by the Inspectorate during the monitoring visits. The playgroup's development plan has been adjusted in light of the inspection findings.

A follow-up inspection was carried out on 6 October 2009. The following are the most important improvements since the 2008 inspection:

- The child protection policies and procedures, staff training and annual review processes with the management group have been appropriately updated.
- A deputy designated member of staff with responsibility for child protection has been identified and the child protection policies and procedures are displayed in the playgroup and available to the parents.
- The quality of the staff interaction is well-improved and the children's ideas are responded to promptly and effectively by the staff. The children are developing their language skills and personal capabilities.

- The policy for special educational needs has been updated. The staff work closely with the parents and external agencies to provide the best possible provision to meet individual needs within the confines of the available resources.
- The link made between the planned programme and the children's responses to the activities is meeting more appropriately the individual needs of the children.
- The daily routines, including the snack, are effectively used to promote the children's independence, learning and development.

In the areas inspected, the quality of education provided by the 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 playgroup has demonstrated the capacity to address these.

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