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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

of

**Holy Cross Pre-School Playgroup
Belfast**

April 2015

SECOND FOLLOW-UP REPORT TO THE INSPECTION OF HOLY CROSS PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP, BELFAST

The first follow-up inspection of Holy Cross Pre-school in 2011 evaluated the provision overall as satisfactory. The inspection identified the need to:

- document more clearly how the assessment information is used to identify and evaluate support for individuals and groups of children; and
- improve the planning, use of resources and management of the physical play sessions.

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an interim follow-up visit in March 2015, and a second follow-up inspection on 17 April 2015.

The following are the most important improvements that have taken place since the first follow-up inspection:

- the staff have improved their confidence, knowledge and skills in a range of relevant early years topics through increasing their qualifications and attending a broad range of training, including the early years inclusion training;
- the staff assess, identify and plan for individual needs more effectively and use a wider range of strategies to support effectively the children;
- there is more effective governance by the committee who meet regularly to support ongoing improvement in the playgroup provision;
- new resources have been purchased and these enrich further the children's learning experiences;
- the building has been refurbished thereby enhancing the quality and flexibility of the learning environment; and
- the planning for the physical play programme is more effective.

Conclusion

In the areas inspected, the quality of education provided by this playgroup is now good; the strengths outweigh the areas for improvement in the provision. The follow-up inspection has identified areas for improvement which the playgroup has demonstrated the capacity to address.

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