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

**Loughan School**  
**Ballymena**

**November 2006**

## **FOLLOW UP TO THE FOCUSED INSPECTION OF LOUGHAN SCHOOL, BALLYMENA, BT43 6LX (331-6511)**

The focused inspection in Loughan School in May 2004 highlighted strengths in the caring ethos, the good quality relationships, the good links with parents and the commitment of the staff to continuous review and improvement. The inspection also identified the need for improvement in the following key areas:

- the development of whole-school planning; and
- the formalisation of procedures for the monitoring and evaluation of learning and teaching.

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

- Plans are at an advanced stage for the amalgamation of Loughan School with two other schools in the Ballymena area.
- The school has created a second class for pupils with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out a follow-up inspection on 24 November 2006. The follow-up inspection findings confirm that the school continues to have strengths in many aspects of its educational and pastoral provision. The findings also confirm that the school has demonstrated some evidence of improvement regarding:

- the work done in the development of whole-school planning in relation to learning and teaching; and
- the start made by the Principal and staff in addressing the procedures for monitoring and evaluating the learning and teaching across the school.

The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the school's progress in improving procedures for monitoring and evaluating the learning and teaching in order to further improve the quality of the provision for all the pupils.

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