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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

Roslea Cross-Community Playgroup
Co Fermanagh

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REPORT OF A FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION IN ROSLEA CROSS-COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, ROSLEA, CO FERMANAGH, BT92 7DD (2AB-0078)

The inspection in February 2005 highlighted strengths in the ethos of the centre, the staff's interactions with the children and the efforts made to create an interesting and stimulating learning environment. The inspection identified the need for improvement in the following key areas:

- the staff should take more account of the needs and interests of the children in the short-term planning; and
- there is a need for the staff to take a more consistent approach to the observation and recording of the children's progress.

In the interval since the inspection, the following changes which affect the work of the pre-school centre have been implemented.

- A new leader was appointed in September 2005.
- An additional member of staff was appointed in December 2006.
- The centre is currently developing a new outdoor play area.

The Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) carried out a series of inspection visits to the centre as part of the follow-up process. This report was compiled following the inspection visit on 26 January 2007 and also takes account of the findings of the visit in January 2006.

The pre-school centre has made satisfactory progress and the following are the most important improvements which have taken place since the original inspection.

- The short-term planning outlines more clearly the learning to be developed in the different areas of play and provides useful guidance for the staff in their work with the children. The staff evaluate the planning weekly and are beginning to take the children's needs and interests into account when planning for the following week.
- The staff have revised their system of observing and recording the children's progress. They are beginning to record evidence of some aspects of the children's development.
- The centre's early years specialist has provided regular and valuable advice and support for the staff.

The area which needs further improvement is as follows.

- The staff should continue to develop their assessment methods in order to provide more comprehensive evidence of the children's achievements in all areas of the pre-school curriculum.

The Inspectorate will continue to monitor the work of the pre-school centre to ensure that the improvements which are needed are implemented.

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