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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

**Sandelford School
Coleraine**

January 2008

SCHOOL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (SSP) FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION OF SANDELFORD SCHOOL, COLERAINE, CO LONDONDERRY, BT52 1JL (331-6512)

The SSP follow-up inspection in January 2007 highlighted strengths, for example, in the continuing commitment of the staff to school improvement, the very good quality of the majority of the teaching, the developing management structure and the implementation of a whole-school approach to promoting positive behaviour in all the classes.

The inspection also identified the need for improvement in the following key areas:

- to develop the process of monitoring and evaluating the quality of the learning and teaching through a more rigorous and structured process; and
- to develop a shared understanding of, and programme for, purposeful play across the pre-school and key stage (KS) 1 classes.

In the interval since the follow-up inspection, the school has appointed a new Vice-principal.

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a follow-up inspection on 18 January 2008.

The school has made good progress and the following are the most important improvements which have taken place since the last follow-up inspection:

- the further successful embedding of the new team structure;
- the very good progress made in the development of an appropriate play curriculum for the foundation stage and KS1;
- the thoughtful and well-documented approach to transition to adult and working life; and
- the shared and effective approach to monitoring and evaluating the teaching and learning.

The school has made good progress in addressing the key areas for action. The parents and broader community can have confidence in the school's commitment to and action for improvement, and the effectiveness of its action in response to the findings of the inspection.

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