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Twinkle Playgroup Ardboe, Dungannon

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REPORT OF A FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION IN TWINKLE PLAYGROUP, ARDBOE, DUNGANNON, CO TYRONE, BT71 5AT (5AB-0199)

The inspection in May 2006 highlighted strengths in the centre's ethos, the very attractive learning environment and the quality of the staff's interactions with the children. The report identified the need for improvement in the following key area:

• the organisation of the early part of the session, to ensure that all time is used effectively to promote the children's learning.

In the interval since the inspection, the following action, which affects the work of the pre-school centre, has taken place:

- a temporary assistant was appointed in September 2006; and
- the construction of a new outdoor play area has been completed.

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out an inspection visit to the centre as part of the follow-up process. This report was compiled following the inspection visit on 22 February 2007.

The following are the most important improvements brought about by the staff and the management group.

- The staff have reviewed and improved the organisation of the early part of the session. The children are now greeted during a short circle time, and the staff use this greeting time effectively to settle the children, to listen to their interests and ideas and to develop their language and thinking skills.
- The children now experience a more appropriate period of well-planned, purposeful and uninterrupted play, both indoors and outside.

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

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