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Report of an Inspection

The Quality of Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders

in

Autism Specific Classes in the Southern Education and Library Board

The Armstrong Primary School Armagh

May 2007

THE QUALITY OF PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE AUTISM SPECIFIC CLASS IN THE ARMSTRONG PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARMAGH (501-1115)

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out an inspection in The Armstrong Primary School, Armagh in May 2007. The strengths and area for development were identified as follows.

Strengths identified include:

- the well-settled classroom routine, reflecting the hard work and commitment of the teacher and classroom assistants to the needs of the children;
- the teacher's developing expertise and completion of a range of relevant training courses;
- the good use of visual materials and autism specific strategies which are focused appropriately on promoting the children's learning and social behaviour; the children make good progress as a consequence; and
- the effective policy and procedures in place, including the planned integration opportunities.

Area for development:

- the need to involve further the parents in the work of the class and extending, as needed, the autism specific strategies into the home.

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