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The Quality of Provision for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders

in

Autism Specific Classes in the Southern Education and Library Board

Christian Brothers' Primary School Armagh

May 2007

THE QUALITY OF PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE AUTISM SPECIFIC CLASS IN CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARMAGH (503-1110)

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

Strengths identified include:

- the well-structured and supportive, learning environment and the good opportunities for inclusion with mainstream classes, promoting positive learning experiences for the children;
- the wide range of professional development opportunities for the staff who use their expertise well to address the individual needs of the children;
- the quality of teaching which is characterised by sound planning and a broad range of strategies ensuring the children make good progress; and
- the useful and effective staff induction booklet ensuring a consistent and well-informed approach to the routines and structures of the classroom.

Areas for development include:

- the need for further differentiation of individual children's targets ensuring that the ability of each child is reflected in the planning; and
- the need for further emphasis on promoting independent learning in a variety of contexts to ensure the embedding and generalisation of learning.

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