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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

Primate Dixon Primary School Coalisland

May 2007

THE QUALITY OF PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE AUTISM SPECIFIC CLASS IN PRIMATE DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL, COALISLAND (503-6590)

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

Strengths identified include:

- the bright, attractive, well-resourced and well-organised learning environment which is supportive of the children's needs;
- the high level of autism spectrum disorder specific understanding, knowledge and skills of the class team which is used consistently to ensure positive learning experiences for the children throughout the school day;
- the imaginative and intuitive teaching, with the setting of clear and realistic individual targets, which ensures a high level of holistic attainment for each child; and
- the effective deployment of each committed and focused class team member in a wide variety of purposeful activities, including extensive and appropriate integration opportunities, ensuring a consistently well motivating and enjoyable provision for the children.

Area for development:

- speech and language therapy provides thorough assessment and advice; however in-class support and staff development would further improve the provision to the class.

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