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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**

### **St Joseph's Convent Primary School Newry**

**May 2007**

## **THE QUALITY OF PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE AUTISM SPECIFIC CLASS IN ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWRY (503-1340)**

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out an inspection in St Joseph's Convent Primary School, Newry in May 2007. The strengths and area for development were identified as follows.

Strengths identified include:

- the learning environment which is bright, functional and supportive of the children's needs and the appropriate integration opportunities for the children;
- the breadth 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 meticulous and extensive planning for, and evaluation of learning, including the well-resourced lessons which ensure that the children are engaged through active learning strategies; and
- the effective deployment of each member of the enthusiastic class team in a wide variety of purposeful activities ensuring a motivating and enjoyable provision for the children.

Area for development:

- the need to secure occupational therapy input to advise on addressing the sensory needs of some of the children.

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