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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 Mary's Primary School Banbridge**

**May 2007**

## **THE QUALITY OF PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE AUTISM SPECIFIC CLASS IN ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BANBRIDGE (503-6043)**

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

Strengths identified include:

- the commitment of the teacher to the needs of the children and the development of the autism specific class;
- the meticulous planning of lessons; and
- the Principal's interest in promoting autism provision and the start made in raising the staff's knowledge of the needs of children with autism.

Area for development:

- the need to develop more appropriate teaching strategies to address the needs of those children whose behaviour remains unsettled in order to lead to more effective learning and teaching.

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