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Report of a Short Inspection

**Carnlough Controlled Integrated Primary School
Ballymena**

Inspected: May 2007

BASIC INFORMATION SHEET (BIS) - PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- A. i. **School: Carnlough Controlled Integrated Primary, Ballymena** iii. **Date of Inspection: W/B 28.05.07**
 ii. **School Reference Number: 305-0519** iv. **Nature of Inspection: Short**

B.

School Year	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Year 1 Intake	4	6	9	5	3
Enrolments					
Primary	28	27	35	41	41
Reception	0	0	0	0	0
Nursery Class/Classes	0	0	0	0	0
Special Unit	0	0	0	0	0

The enrolment for the current year is the figure on the day of notification of inspection. For previous years it is the figure in the annual return to the Department of Education.

The calculations at C and D should be based on the total of the primary and reception enrolments only.

- C. Average Attendance for the Previous School Year
 (expressed as a percentage):

92%

Primary & Reception	Nursery Unit	Special Unit
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- D. i. Number of Teachers
 (including the principal and part-time teachers): 4 0 0
 (Full-time equivalent = 25 teaching hours)
- ii. PTR (Pupil/Teacher Ratio): 10.25 NI PTR: 20.5
- iii. Average Class Size: 14
- iv. Class Size (Range): 9 to 16
- v. Ancillary Support:
 Number of Hours **Per Week**:
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| i. Clerical support: | 9 |
| ii. Official Making A Good Start Support: | 10 |
| iii. Additional hours of other classroom assistant support: | 29 |
- vi. Percentage of children with statements of special educational needs: 7%
- vii. Total percentage of children on the Special Needs Register: 22%
- viii. Number of children who are **not** of statutory school age: 0
- ix. Percentage of children entitled to free school meals: 23%

**CARNLOUGH CONTROLLED INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL,
BALLYMENA, CO ANTRIM, BT44 0EU (305-0519)**

Carnlough Controlled Integrated Primary School is situated in the village of Carnlough, County Antrim. Enrolment numbers have increased in recent years. Twenty-three per cent of the children are entitled to free school meals.

The school has procedures in place which implement the guidance outlined in the relevant Department of Education Circulars and has identified appropriately further areas for development within its pastoral programme.

The school's programme for the promotion of health and well-being has many strengths. Attention is given to the development and implementation of programmes which encourage the children to adopt healthy lifestyles. There is a developing commitment to promoting healthy eating, and opportunities are provided for all the children to participate in a range of physical activities.

The strengths of the school include:

- the caring, inclusive ethos of the school;
- the quality of the teaching observed which ranged from very good to excellent;
- the support provided for children with additional learning needs;
- the well-behaved and enthusiastic children;
- the effective working relationships between the children and the staff;
- the effective contribution of the classroom assistants to the children's learning;
- the commitment of the Principal to the life and work of the school; and
- the wide range of physical activities offered to the children through the Extended Schools initiative;

The area for improvement includes:

- the need for a more detailed analysis of the performance data to set appropriate targets for improvement.

In the areas inspected the school has important strengths in most of its educational and pastoral provision. The inspection has identified a minor area for improvement which the school has the capacity to address.

The school's progress on the area for improvement will be monitored by the District Inspector.

A number of quantitative terms are used in the report. In percentages, the terms correspond as follows:-

- More than 90% - almost/nearly all
- 75%-90% - most
- 50%-74% - a majority
- 30%-49% - a significant minority
- 10%-29% - a minority
- Less than 10% - very few/a small number.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Security/access arrangements to the outside toilets need to be reviewed.

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