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## **Report of an Inspection Survey**

### **Information and Communication Technology**

**Belmont House Special School**  
**Londonderry**

**March 2007**

## **INSPECTION SURVEY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2007 (231-0015)**

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a survey in ICT of Belmont House Special School, Londonderry in March 2007. The strengths and area for development were identified as follows.

Strengths of the work include:

- the strong commitment of the Principal and senior management team to the embedding of ICT across all aspects of the work of the school, which is underpinned by a sound vision and effective strategic leadership;
- the many examples of the effective use of ICT to enhance the pupils' learning;
- the developing confidence of the pupils who are motivated by, and comfortable with, new technology;
- the emphasis on the formal development of the pupils' ICT skills and the application of these skills in appropriate, and often innovative, project work;
- the consistently good quality of the teaching using ICT;
- the evolving arrangements to support the assessment of the pupils' ICT skills;
- the continuing emphasis on team-work, and professional development of the staff; and
- the centralised software and teaching resources, carefully evaluated, catalogued and disseminated and the gradual transfer of these resources to the networked learning resources area.

Area for development:

- to develop further an appropriate framework to support the self-evaluation of ICT throughout the school.

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