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## **Report of an Inspection Survey**

### **Information and Communication Technology**

**Ceara Special School  
Lurgan**

**May 2007**

## **INSPECTION SURVEY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2007 (531-6521)**

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a survey in ICT of Ceara Special School, Lurgan in May 2007. The strengths were identified as follows.

Strengths of the work include:

- the strong commitment of the Principal and staff to integrating 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 children's learning and the consistently good quality of the teaching using ICT;
- the developing confidence of the pupils who are motivated by, and comfortable with, new technology;
- the sound development of pupils' ICT skills, complemented successfully through their application of these skills in appropriate, and often innovative, project work;
- the strong emphasis on the continuing professional development of staff;
- the attractive, creative and high quality personalised teaching resources prepared by staff;
- the effective use of a wide range of new hardware including very good use of the interactive whiteboard to motivate and enthuse pupils;
- the good support from the ICT technician;
- the developing confidence in identifying and assessing appropriate assistive devices to enable pupils to better access the curriculum; and
- the effective communication with parents and the wider community through multi-media.

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