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**Report of an Inspection Survey**

**of**

**Information and Communication Technology**

**Clarawood Special School**  
**Belfast**

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## **INSPECTION SURVEY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2007 (131-6584)**

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a survey in ICT of Clarawood Special School, Belfast in March 2007. The strengths and areas for development were identified as follows.

Strengths of the work include:

- the focus on ICT as a key priority on the school development plan;
- the comprehensive range of documentation devised to support the development of ICT throughout the school, including a suitable policy and associated action plans;
- the competent leadership of the ICT co-ordinator;
- the suitable programme of in-school training provided;
- the analysis of the children's ICT skills carried out as part of the ICT audit;
- the introduction of an appropriate scheme of assessment to measure the pupils' skills in communication and information handling; and
- the effective use of ICT to support the children's work in literacy and numeracy and to broaden their learning experiences.

Areas for development include:

- the need for the school to invest in a wider range of ICT resources and equipment; and
- the need for the school to monitor more fully the children's progress and experiences using ICT.

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