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Information and Communication Technology

Knockavoe School
Strabane

March 2007

INSPECTION SURVEY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2007 (231-6528)

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a survey in ICT of Knockavoe School, Strabane in March 2007. The strengths were identified as follows.

Strengths of the work include:

- the excellent leadership provided by the ICT co-ordinator, who is supported and empowered by the Principal and the senior management team;
- the effective strategic development of ICT throughout the school;
- the stimulating and attractive displays using ICT of the pupils' achievements and work;
- the excellent quality of the teachers' planning for learning;
- the enjoyment of the pupils, highly motivated by ICT-related activities;
- the excellent quality of most of the teaching;
- the excellent use of a wide variety of ICT resources to enable communication and access to the curriculum;
- the innovative, creative and high quality resources created by the staff;
- the excellent use of multi-media in learning and teaching to record achievements and celebrations;
- the excellent start made in developing the use of the interactive whiteboard; this work has had a significant and positive impact on the learning and teaching across the school;
- the ongoing reflection of the staff on the quality of ICT provision which leads to whole-school improvement;
- the effective communication with parents and the wider community through the excellent quality publications and multi-media presentations;
- the need for effective technical support; and
- the need to enhance the ICT resources in the school.

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