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Information and Communication Technology

Rathore School
Newry

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INSPECTION SURVEY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2007 (531-6519)

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

Strengths of the work include:

- the effective leadership and clear vision of the Principal and Vice-principal for the development of ICT throughout the school;
- the clear focus on the benefits of ICT across the curriculum for the pupils' individual development;
- the good quality of the teachers' planning for learning and teaching using ICT;
- the major strengths in almost all of the teaching seen during the inspection visit;
- the commitment and dedication of the teachers to implementing ICT in the classroom;
- the effective use of ICT to display and celebrate the pupils' work and achievements;
- the effective link using ICT with a mainstream post-primary school;
- the enthusiasm of the pupils for ICT-related activities;
- the effective support provided by the Southern Education and Library Board Special Education ICT technician; and
- the good opportunities provided for professional development, focused clearly on the needs of the school.

Areas for development include:

- in line with the priorities already identified by the school, to further encourage the use of multi-media to record the achievements of the pupils; and
- the further dissemination, both internally and externally, of the very good practice in the school.

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