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Information and Communication Technology

Sperrinview Special School
Dungannon

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INSPECTION SURVEY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2007 (531-6523)

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

Strengths of the work include:

- the excellent leadership and vision provided by the Principal and the acting Principal, ably supported by the senior management team and the staff;
- the effective strategic development of ICT throughout the school over a period of time;
- the stimulating and attractive displays throughout the school of the pupils' achievements and work using ICT;
- the innovative and creative resources made by staff, often in collaboration with the speech and language therapists (SALT);
- the excellent use, in collaboration with SALT, of a wide variety of ICT resources to enable communication and access to the curriculum;
- the excellent use of multi-media in learning and teaching to record achievements and celebrations;
- the excellent quality of the teachers' planning for learning;
- the very high quality of the teaching, more than half of which was of outstanding quality and characterised by excellence;
- the very effective use of ICT within the leavers' programme to give information, advice and guidance about life after school, and to facilitate the pupils' ability to make appropriate choices;
- the ongoing reflection of the staff on the quality of ICT provision which leads to whole-school improvement; and
- the effective communication with parents and the wider community through the excellent quality publications and multi-media presentations.

Area for development:

- to develop further the good work to date in the use of the interactive whiteboard.

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