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Report of a Baseline Inspection Visit

of

**Maralin Village Primary School Nursery Unit
Craigavon**

April 2013

INSPECTION VISIT TO MARALIN VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY UNIT

In 2008, the SELB established a nursery unit providing a full time session in Maralin Village Primary School for children in their pre-school year.

An inspection visit the full time session was carried out on April 2013. This inspection evaluation is based on evidence gained from in-class observations and from the scrutiny of a range of relevant documentation provided by the school.

Summary of main findings

During the visit, the following strengths of the pre-school class were observed:

- the very positive, inclusive ethos that contributes to the high quality care provided for the children;
- the many examples of skilful interactions between the staff and the children;
- the very good progress made by the children in all areas of the pre-school curriculum and the steady progress being made in planning and implementing a broad and balanced curriculum;
- the very attractive, stimulating learning environment both indoors and outdoors;
- the well established pastoral and curricular arrangements which result in a smooth and effective transition for the children in year 1; and
- the effective communication shared with the parents to encourage and involve them in the education of their children.

Conclusion

In the areas inspected, the quality of education provided by this nursery unit is very good. The nursery is meeting very effectively the educational and pastoral needs of all the children; and has demonstrated its capacity for sustained self-improvement.

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