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Area-Based Inspection

St Colmcille's Primary School
Ballymena

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AREA-BASED INSPECTION - BALLYMENA AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI), carried out an area-based inspection in St Colmcille's Primary School during February 2009.

The strengths include:

- the very good strategic planning and strong leadership of the Principal and leadership team who maintain a clear focus on the needs of the individual child;
- the outstanding arrangements to support the children at the key transition stages in their education;
- the outstanding quality of care, guidance and support for children;
- the outstanding formal and informal learning experiences, programmes and activities which are matched well to the needs and interests of the children;
- the very good educational provision which promotes high levels of motivation, engagement, and enjoyment of learning; and
- the strong involvement and support of the parents, governors and local community.

Although no significant areas for improvement are identified in this report, the composite report from the area-based inspection raises broader issues which need to be addressed by all of the schools and organisations visited.

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