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Report of a Follow-up Inspection

**The Playstation
Brookeborough and District Community Playgroup
Co Fermanagh**

October 2007

THE PLAYSTATION, BROOKEBOROUGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, CO FERMANAGH, BT94 4EZ (2BB-0318)

The original inspection, in November, 2005 highlighted strengths in the caring atmosphere, good communication with the parents and the good levels of staff involvement with the children in helping them to learn, but also identified shortcomings in important areas of the educational provision.

The report indicated that it was necessary to:

- develop further the assessment methods; and
- develop the special educational needs (SEN) provision.

In the interval since the inspection, the following changes which affect the work of the centre have been implemented.

- The leader went on a pre-school study visit to Sweden.
- The early years specialist has provided appropriate advice, guidance and support in helping the staff develop a new assessment system.
- The staff have completed training on SEN and are more aware of the needs of the children.
- A new outdoor area has been created.

The Education and Training Inspectorate carried out a series of inspection visits to the pre-school centre as part of the follow-up process. This report was compiled following the inspection visit on 9 October 2007 and also takes account of the findings of the visit in May 2007.

The pre-school centre has made good progress and the following are the most important improvements which have taken place since the original inspection.

- The staff have begun to implement the new assessment methods observed in Sweden and are linking these to the Northern Ireland Pre-school Curricular Guidance.
- The children are having extended planned experiences in outdoor play.
- There is a heightened awareness of the learning difficulties that children are experiencing and there is an improvement in the early identification of SEN.

The area which needs further improvement is the need:

- to develop further the planning to meet individual learning needs and to identify the learning to be promoted.

Good progress has been made in most of the areas for improvement identified during the original inspection but some minor areas still require improvement. The pre-school centre is developing a rigorous process of self-evaluation which leads to improvement.

The pre-school centre's progress in the minor areas for improvement will be monitored by the District Inspector.

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