

- Cooley Primary School's vision to "educate, nurture and inspire" its pupils within the school's Christian ethos is wholly evident in the day-to-day life of the school.
- The children are proud to be members of Cooley Primary School and have a strong sense of belonging to the school community.
- The ongoing review of the curriculum is resulting in learning experiences that are well matched to the children's needs and abilities. It will be important that the school continues to review the provision of all areas of learning, as planned, to build on the improvements in, for example, numeracy and information and communications technology (ICT).
- Healthy lifestyle choices are promoted very well through, for example, breakfast club, breaktime healthy eating choices offered by the school, the 'daily mile' initiative and opportunities for afterschool sports activities.
- There is a range of effective interventions in place to help any child who requires additional support with aspects of their learning and development. Some of these strategies would be beneficial to all children if they were implemented more consistently across the school.
- The staff use well a range of appropriate assessment tools alongside their observations of the children's learning to monitor the children's progress, set targets for them, evaluate the outcomes and plan effectively for successful learning.
- The strategic approach to wellbeing throughout the school is creating the right conditions for the growth and development of an effective community of learning.
- The children are developing well their skills, knowledge and understanding of the environment and their responsibility to protect it and make sustainable choices.
- The children in the nursery unit are well settled, have good levels of independence and are supported by effective transition routines and a skilful staff team who build on the children's ideas and interests to extend their learning.
- At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the school demonstrates that the arrangements for child protection align to the current statutory guidance.

Areas for consideration:

- the continued review of the provision of all areas of learning; and
- how strategies that have been identified as working well in addressing low and underachievement might benefit all children if implemented more consistently across the school.

Going forward

- Cooley Primary School's vision to 'educate, nurture and inspire' its pupils within the school's Christian ethos is wholly evident in the day-to-day life of the school. As reflected in its mission statement, the wide range of learning experiences provided by the school helps the children to develop as individuals and to contribute meaningfully to the school community and beyond.
- Through the work of the district inspector, ETI will monitor the progress of Cooley Primary School in addressing the areas for consideration as laid out in this report.