Dungannon Nursery School

Inspection Summary Report - November 2024

- The school's shared vision to nurture and enable all children to achieve their full potential in every aspect of their development is palpable and realised through its warm, welcoming and highly inclusive environment in which "every child matters, every second counts".
- The exceptionally collaborative staff, including the proactive board of governors, have a clear understanding of strategic planning and use effectively robust self-evaluation processes to identify key priorities for development, in line with the school's vision.
- The children are happy, well settled and highly motivated to learn and explore in the well-planned, stimulating and authentically resourced indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- All of the staff consistently interact skilfully with the children. They listen attentively to them and use every opportunity to develop their vocabulary, knowledge, skills and understanding across the six areas of learning of the pre-school curriculum.
- The needs of the children who have been identified as having special educational needs are met very effectively through the robust process of early identification, individual planning and well-targeted interventions, and are supported through partnerships with parents and a range of external professionals and agencies.
- The strategic and well-considered approach to staff professional learning, including partnerships with a number of local schools, adds value to the school's well-developed community of learning and impacts positively on the the overall quality of the children's learning experiences and the outcomes they attain.

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.

Going forward

- In Dungannon Nursery School, the children are happy, well settled and highly motivated to learn in a warm, welcoming and highly inclusive environment. The school's mission "every child matters, every second counts" is empowering the highly skilled, forward-thinking and solution focused staff, to work in partnership with parents and external agencies to consistently live out and achieve its vision to nurture and enable all children to achieve their full potential in every aspect of their development.
- ETI will continue to work with Dungannon Nursery School, including to share examples of highly effective practice from which others may learn. The aspect of practice which should be shared more widely is:
 - the well-planned, stimulating and authentically resourced indoor and outdoor learning environments which naturally promote, develop and extend the children's creative and investigative play.



