

- Naíscoil Ghleann Darach is committed to its vision to provide an inclusive and nurturing immersion environment in which children feel safe and happy and can experience success at every level.
- The children are well-settled and happy in the naíscoil and almost all engage in sustained collaborative play. Their acquisition of the Irish language is developing well as they take part enthusiastically in the wide range of songs, rhymes and stories throughout the session.
- The staff work very well together and have created an open and honest culture of regular shared self-reflection which informs ongoing priorities for development. The Early Years Specialist (EYS) from Altram is appropriately supporting the staff to develop a more robust process of self-evaluation underpinned by a more targeted approach to planning for improvement.
- The staff have appropriately identified the need to articulate more clearly, in their recently introduced weekly planners, the specific learning potential across each area of the curriculum, in order to improve the quality of their interactions and extend the children's learning and thinking.
- The individual needs of all children are met effectively in this welcoming and inclusive environment.
- Partnerships with families, the community and other professionals are integral to the life and work of the naíscoil and are having a positive impact of the children's wider learning experiences.
- At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the naíscoil demonstrates that the arrangements for child protection align to the current statutory guidance.

Areas for action:

- to develop a robust process of self-evaluation underpinned by a more targeted approach to planning for development; and
- to articulate more clearly, in the recently introduced weekly planners, the specific learning potential across each area of the curriculum.

Going forward

- Naíscoil Ghleann Darach provides an inclusive, welcoming and nurturing bilingual environment that supports the holistic development of all children and plays a central role for families and the wider community of Crumlin.
- The inspection has highlighted a number of areas for action to enable Naíscoil Ghleann Darach to achieve its vision more fully. ETI will monitor the progress of the naíscoil in addressing the areas for action.