

Pre-school Inspections – Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) Follow-through Reports

HMIE published 3 reports following earlier integrated pre-school inspections at Moray Leisure Centre Pre-school Nursery, Moray Steiner School Kindergarten and New Elgin Primary School Nursery Class.

Evaluations made using HMIE quality indicators use the following scale, and these words are used in reports to describe the HMIE team’s judgements:

- excellent outstanding, sector leading
- very good major strengths
- good important strengths with some areas for improvement
- adequate strengths just outweigh weaknesses
- weak important weaknesses
- unsatisfactory major weaknesses

HMIE follow-through report on **Moray Leisure Centre Pre-school Nursery** – published May 2007

HMIE published a report on the inspection of Moray Leisure Centre Pre-school Nursery in September 2004. The follow-through inspection evaluated the progress made by Moray Leisure Centre Pre-school Nursery in achieving improvements based on the recommendations set out in the integrated inspection report. HM Inspectors revisited the centre in February 2007.

Recommendation	Evaluation of Progress
1. Staff should provide a wider range of activities and more appropriate challenge for all children.	Adequate
2. Staff should improve the quality of programmes in all areas of children's development and learning.	Adequate
3. Staff should improve planning, assessment, recording and reporting of children's progress.	Good
4. The duty officer for childcare should define the roles and responsibilities of management and staff clearly, and include the appointment of a child protection coordinator.	Good
5. Staff should undertake training to improve their knowledge and understanding of the legislation related to supporting children with additional needs.	Good
6. The duty officer for childcare should develop systematic and rigorous procedures for monitoring and evaluating all aspects of provision, and plan and implement effectively the priorities identified.	Weak
7. The nursery should carry out and record evacuation procedures once per term.	Very Good
8. Additional risk assessments should be carried out to ensure the safety of children. This should include the arrangements for the collection of children.	Good
9. Staff-child ratios on visits should be reviewed and improved.	Good

In conclusion, Moray Leisure Centre Pre-school Nursery had made good progress overall in overtaking the key recommendations set out in the report of September 2004. As a result of the progress achieved, HM Inspectors will make no further visits in connection with the inspection report of September 2004.

HMIE follow-through report on **Moray Steiner School Kindergarten** –
published May 2007

HMIE published a report on the inspection of Moray Steiner School Kindergarten in September 2004. The follow-through inspection evaluated the progress made by Moray Steiner School Kindergarten in achieving improvements based on the recommendations set out in the integrated inspection report. HM Inspectors revisited the centre in February 2007.

Recommendation	Evaluation of Progress
1. Staff should address the environmental issues set out in this report, particularly those related to health and safety, and fire safety.	Very Good
2. Staff should improve the programmes for children's development and learning, as set out in the report.	Adequate
3. Staff should develop an appropriate system for planning, assessing, recording and reporting children's progress.	Good
4. Staff should provide more challenge and choice to meet the needs of all children.	Adequate
5. Staff should be consistent in their expectations of behaviour and intervene more effectively to extend or support learning.	Good
6. Staff should define clearly the roles and responsibilities of those linked to the kindergarten.	Good
7. As a matter of priority, staff should undertake training in child protection.	Good
8. Staff should develop systematic and rigorous procedures to monitor and evaluate provision.	Good

In conclusion, Moray Steiner School Kindergarten had made good progress overall in overtaking the key recommendations set out in the report of September 2004. As a result of the progress achieved, HM Inspectors will make no further visits in connection with the inspection report of September 2004.

HMIE follow-through report on **New Elgin Primary School Nursery Class** – published June 2007

HMIE published a report on the inspection of New Elgin Primary School Nursery Class in June 2005. The follow-through inspection evaluated the progress made by New Elgin Primary School Nursery Class in achieving improvements based on the recommendations set out in the integrated inspection report. HM Inspectors revisited the centre in March 2007.

Recommendation	Evaluation of Progress
1. The headteacher and staff should improve the layout of the playrooms and provide a wider range of resources daily, as identified in the report.	Very Good
2. The headteacher and staff should restructure the daily programme to ensure that all children are able to choose independently from the full range of activities, both inside and outdoors.	Good
3. Staff should improve their interaction with children to ensure that all children are appropriately challenged.	Good
4. Staff should improve procedures for planning, assessing and recording children's progress, link assessment information more closely to planning and identify clearly next steps in children's learning.	Weak
5. Staff should improve curricular programmes.	Good
6. The headteacher should further develop more rigorous and systematic procedures for monitoring and evaluating the work of the nursery.	Weak

In conclusion, New Elgin Primary School Nursery Class had made adequate progress in overtaking the key recommendations set out in the report of June 2005. As a result of the progress achieved, HM Inspectors will request a progress report from the education authority within one year of the date of this report.