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Department of Education and Skills

Follow-Through Inspection

REPORT

Ainm na scoile/ School name	Scoil Naomh Eoin
Seoladh na scoile/ School address	Ballincurrig Cork
Uimhir rolla / Roll number	04230N

Date of Evaluation: 15-02-2017

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ORIGINAL INSPECTION DETAILS	FOLLOW THROUGH INSPECTION DETAILS
Type: WSE-MLL	**Date of Inspection:** 15-02-2017
Date of Inspection: 17-09-2014	
Report Published? Yes	

Follow-through inspection activities

The following activities took place in the course of the follow-through inspection

- Meeting with principal
- Interview with relevant teachers
- Review of school documentation and records and pupils' work
- Observation of teaching and learning
- Interaction with pupils

Recommendation in original inspection report	Progress achieved to date on implementation of recommendation
The introduction of free writing is recommended in the further development of the pupils' writing skills.	**Very good progress** Free writing has been successfully introduced and implemented in the infant and in the junior classrooms. The quality of pupils' free writing is very good and enhances the skills of the emergent writer.
The parent voice should be incorporated into school planning processes.	**Partial progress** No policies have been drafted or reviewed since the whole-school evaluation was conducted in 2014. Going forward, the principal stated that he will ensure that the parent voice will be incorporated into the planning process.
The board should ensure that all policies are signed and dated.	**Good progress** The chairperson of the board of management has undertaken to have all policies signed by 17 February 2017. All policies, both administrative and curricular will now be signed and dated by the chairperson of the board of management.
It is recommended that formal meetings of the in-school management (ISM) team be convened to support strategic planning.	**Very good progress** Formal meetings of the in-school management team are convened in advance of each staff meeting and key decisions are recorded.
Staff is advised to develop a greater linkage between the school plan, teachers' individual planning and the monthly progress records.	**Good progress** While there is some linkage between the school plan and teachers' individual planning, the whole-school plan lacks detail in terms of curricular content. Furthermore, there is an absence of clear learning objectives in some teachers' short-term planning. The teachers have reviewed and changed the method of recording the monthly progress records. The data in the monthly progress records is now documented under curricular headings and offers greater utility in identifying the

	completion of curricular content. In some instances, the content recorded is excessive.

Summary of findings

The school has made very good or good progress in implementing many of the recommendation from the WSE-MLL report. However, the recommendations relating to the incorporation of parent voice into school planning processes, the ratification and signing of policies by the board, and linkage between the school plan and teachers' individual planning need further attention in order to ensure full implementation.

Recommendations

- The curricular content for each class level should be included in the whole-school plan.
- Teachers should use the whole-school plan to guide classroom practice and to effect a greater consistency and continuity in curriculum delivery.
- All teachers are advised to document clear learning objectives in their classroom planning.
- A more specific and concise level of detail should be recorded in the monthly progress records.
- When planning or reviewing policies, the parent voice should be included in the process.

The board of management was given an opportunity to comment in writing on the findings and recommendations of the report, and the response of the board will be found in the appendix of this report.

Appendix

SCHOOL RESPONSE TO THE REPORT

Submitted by the Board of Management

Area 1 Observations on the content of the inspection report

The board of management is pleased to see that the ongoing commitment and hard work of staff is acknowledged. The board also welcomes the fact that the progress made on the recommendations of the original report is recognised.

Area 2 Follow-up actions planned or undertaken since the completion of the inspection activity to implement the findings and recommendations of the inspection.

The board of management doesn't have any undue concern regarding the implementation of the recommendations, and indeed, work has commenced on them already.