



## Education & Children's Services

### HMle – Follow Through Procedures Progress Report to Parents

#### 1 Introduction:

St Dominic's RC Primary School was inspected in January 2008. The report on the inspection by her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMle) was published in April 2008.

The school, with support from the Local Authority, prepared an action plan which has addressed the main points for action identified in the report.

The school community have worked co-operatively with authority staff to take forward the areas identified in the original HMle report as requiring attention. This report details the progress made and the impact of those actions. In all action points progress made has been satisfactory or better. The authority endorses the information within this report.

Further information about the broader achievements of the school is contained in the school's annual Standards & Quality report published in September 2009; the report on session 2009-2010 will be published in September 2010.

#### 2 Areas for Improvement – Evaluation of Progress:

The initial inspection report published in April 2008 identified two main points for action for the school and education authority and one requirement relating to wraparound and out of school care service. This section evaluates the progress made to date in addressing each of these points and the resulting improvements for learners and other stakeholders.

##### **Area for improvement 1**

**Ensure that all procedures in relation to the care and welfare of all pupils and children are implemented effectively and consistently.**

##### **Evaluation of progress and impact:**

- The headteacher continues to deliver annual Child Protection training to all staff in the school, nursery and wraparound care community. Two additional staff have, in February 2009, been trained as Child Protection Officers; the headteacher also serves on the Perth & Kinross Child Protection Reference Group and trains groups of teaching staff within the local authority.
- A total of four staff are now trained as Risk Assessors for nursery, primary and wraparound care activities. This has resulted in an enhanced understanding across the whole school community of the

potential risks in situations and of appropriate measures for minimising risk. Appropriate and effective Risk Assessments are completed, evaluated and updated on an on-going basis.

- A whole staff audit of Care, Welfare and Development themes (August 2008), discussions with parents and learners (Jan. and Feb. 2009) and a questionnaire to all parents (March 2010) evidence the high regard in which the school is held by the parent body and learners, in terms of the school community's attention to the care and welfare of all learners and children using the premises. This climate of trust, respect and confidence is effective in enhancing transition experiences across classes and sectors and between care partners using the building.

#### **Area for improvement 2**

**Address the accommodation and safety issues raised in this report: there was insufficient storage and working space, particularly for the headteacher; pupils requiring first aid were dealt with in the corridor; arrangements for keeping children and pupils safe as they entered and left the school were not good enough.**

#### **Evaluation of progress and impact:**

- Storage and working space in the SMT office has been improved to provide an adequate working environment.
- First aid continues to be dealt with in a safe environment.
- New gates have been erected at the front of the school, completing the security fencing around the perimeter of the school grounds. All gates display security notices. Vehicular access is monitored and restricted within the school grounds whilst there are learners or children using the school between 8am-6pm. A School Travel Plan has been produced in partnership with key stakeholders. These actions have combined to reduce risk and enhance safety around the school.

#### **Requirement relating to wraparound and out of school care service**

**The provider must ensure that the outdoor play area is secure and that children cannot access the adjacent car park. This is in order to comply with SS12002/114 Regulation 4(1)(a) – a requirement to make proper provision for the health and welfare of service users.**

#### **Evaluation of progress and impact:**

- New gates have been erected to each side of the wraparound care service to fully enclose the outdoor play area, further improving security and ensuring that children cannot access the adjacent car park.

Headteacher: \_\_\_\_\_