Follow-through Inspection by
HM Inspectorate of Education of
Robert Owen Memorial Primary School
Nursery Class
South Lanarkshire Council

20 June 2007
In carrying out this follow-through inspection, HM Inspectors take account of *National Care Standards, Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16*, and *The Child at the Centre*. The following standards and related quality indicators were used in the recent inspection.

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

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

Robert Owen Memorial Primary School Nursery Class was inspected in March 2007 as part of a programme of follow-through inspections carried out by HM Inspectorate of Education. The nursery had been inspected by the Care Commission and HM Inspectorate of Education as part of a programme of integrated inspections in September 2004, and a report was published in December 2004. The education authority, working with staff, had prepared an action plan indicating how the recommendations identified in the integrated inspection report would be addressed. The purpose of this follow-through inspection is to evaluate the progress made by Robert Owen Memorial Primary School Nursery Class in achieving improvements based on the recommendations set out in the integrated inspection report.

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<td>1. A record should be kept of all storage of any medication on the premises and when medicine is administered.</td>
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<td>2. Future staff training should include first aid and food handling.</td>
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<td>3. The headteacher should continue to review and evaluate individual staff training and development needs.</td>
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<td>4. The headteacher and staff team should develop more rigorous procedures for monitoring and evaluating the service to improve further the quality of the curriculum and children’s development and learning.</td>
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Overview of progress achieved

Appropriate written procedures were in place for the administration and storage of medication. All medicines were clearly labelled and stored securely. Staff maintained records of medicines administered to children which were countersigned by parents. Staff had been trained in food handling and first aid. They had developed, and followed, appropriate procedures for the preparation and serving of snacks.

Very good progress had been made in helping staff undertake additional training which was linked to their own personal development. All nursery staff had access to a suitable system of staff development and review. They were supported well by senior managers to reflect on their practice and identify future training needs. Staff had attended a range of courses and in-house training to develop further their knowledge in early education.

Adequate progress had been made in developing more rigorous procedures for monitoring and evaluating the work of the nursery. Since the integrated inspection of September 2004 there had been a number of staff changes and the nursery had changed accommodation twice, and was about to move again to new, purpose-built premises. The headteacher had worked hard to involve staff in regular meetings to ensure continuity in the educational provision for children. He had delegated aspects of responsibility for monitoring and evaluating the quality of the work of the nursery to the nursery teacher. She supported staff to reflect on the quality of aspects of playroom provision at weekly team meetings, but no records were kept of decisions made to improve practice. The headteacher and nursery teacher had used national indicators of performance to evaluate the quality of the work of the nursery, but other nursery staff had not been involved. Plans were in place to obtain the views of parents through a questionnaire and staff had started to formally obtain the views of children on the quality of playroom provision. A suitable development plan was in place for the nursery class with clear targets for improvement. The nursery teacher regularly monitored the progress made in achieving these targets. The headteacher monitored playroom plans and the quality of the curriculum, providing verbal feedback for staff. He recognised the need to formalise procedures for monitoring the work of the nursery.
Other Issues - Response to recommendations or to requirements made at the last Care Commission singleton inspection.

There were no requirements or recommendations at the last Care Commission singleton inspection.

Conclusion

Robert Owen Memorial Primary School Nursery Class had made good progress in overtaking the key recommendations set out in the report of December 2004. As a result of the progress achieved, HM Inspectors will make no further visits in connection with the inspection report of December 2004.

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