Summary of progress

HM Inspection Report – Blacklaw Primary School

Blacklaw Primary School was inspected in October 2009 as part of the inspection programme by HM Inspectorate of Education.

As a result of the good performance, the strong record of improvement and the very effective leadership of the school, HM Inspectors agreed to make no further report in connection with this inspection. An action plan was prepared to address recommendations made by HM Inspectors and South Lanarkshire Council was asked to report on the progress of this plan.

The following provides a summary of the progress made in relation to each recommendation:

Improve learning and teaching to ensure consistently high-quality experiences for children across the school.
- Professional development activities have focused on ensuring greater consistency in teaching approaches. Staff and stage partner meetings provide the opportunity for teachers to discuss and share good classroom practice. As a result children across the school are clearer about how to evaluate their own work, and together with their teachers, agree next steps in learning. These approaches have been very effective and all pupils have benefited from them.

The school should put in place effective strategies to improve attainment and assessment in writing.
- The school has successfully implemented a new programme of study that ensures progression and consistency of practice in writing throughout the school. Pupil profiles are being introduced at all stages to record pupils’ development in writing as they progress through the school. The headteacher regularly samples pupils’ work and visits classrooms to ensure continuous improvement.

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