

## **West Dunbartonshire Council**

### **Report by the Executive Director of Educational Services**

**Education and Lifelong Learning Committee: 10 June 2009**

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**Subject: Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education: Report on Follow-through Inspection of Dalreoch Primary School**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To inform Members of the follow-through inspection of Dalreoch Primary School by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) and the subsequent report published on 31 March 2009, which is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Dalreoch Primary School inspection report was presented to committee in 20 June 2007. Actions taken by the department were discussed with members and a detailed action plan was prepared to address the main points for action:
- teaching approaches, including the use of assessment information to plan next steps in pupils' learning and track their progress;
  - meeting the learning needs of pupils through more rigorous support and challenge;
  - leadership of the school; and
  - the effectiveness of the school's processes of self-evaluation, including procedures to monitor the quality of learning and teaching.
- 2.2** An interim follow through inspection by HMIE was carried out in March 2008.
- 2.3** The new headteacher and staff have worked very effectively together in the period between the reports. HMIE has used the school to demonstrate transformational change as good practice for their website and to visiting European inspectors.
- 2.4** HMIE visited Dalreoch Primary School in January 2009 to evaluate the overall progress made in response to the main points for action. They also focussed on changes in the core work of the school by visiting classes, talking with staff and examining evidence relating to the development work that had been identified in the Action Plan. They also assessed the involvement of parents, the ethos of the school and improvements in leadership. The final report was shared with parents and carers and school staff and forms Appendix 1 to this report.
- #### **3. Main Issues**
- 3.1** Members will note the report comments throughout on significant improvements in the areas identified by the first report.

**3.2** The school had demonstrated continuous improvement in a number of areas across the school. Attainment had increased as had teamwork among staff. Staff morale had improved as had the climate for learning and relationships within the school. The headteacher's leadership was clearly recognised and better self-evaluation placed the school in a strong position to continue to improve.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

**4.1** This report has no implications for personnel.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

**5.1** There are no financial implications in this report.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

**6.1** There will be no further HMIE reports in connection with the inspection of Dalreoch Primary School in March 2007. The normal School and Departmental quality monitoring and assessment regimes will apply to ensure the progress made is embedded and maintained.

#### **7. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations**

**7.1** Members are requested:

- (a) to note the contents of this report; and
- (b) to congratulate the staff and pupils of Dalreoch Primary School, for their achievements as recognised by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education in the report published in March 2009.

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<b>Appendix 1</b>	Follow-through Report – Dalreoch Primary School - 31 March 2009
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<b>Background papers</b>	HMIE Inspection Report of Dalreoch Primary School - 8 May 2007 HMIE Inspection Report of Dalreoch Primary School - 13 May 2008
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Ward 3
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