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Dear Parents

As you are all aware our school had a Whole School Evaluation with Dept of Education inspector Teresa McSorley last week.

The inspection was cross-curricular, and the inspector spent a week in our school. Pupils Learning, Quality of Teaching, Pupils Wellbeing, Leadership & Management and School Self-Evaluation were the 5 areas being examined. The inspector held meetings with the Special Education Team, the Principal, the In-School Management team, The Board of Management and the Parents Representatives from the Board of Management, as our Parent Association were not affiliated to the National Parents Council at the time.

Teresa McSorley observed all teachers across all areas of the Curriculum, examined copies, teachers schemes and lesson plans, policies, procedures, attendance figures, Standardised Test Scores and minutes from meetings and ensured we were fully Child Protection Compliant. The inspector presented her findings on Friday evening. She commented on the high-quality leadership and management in the school, the high quality of teaching and learning, the pupils good behaviour and the lovely atmosphere that existed between teachers and pupils alike.

We are delighted that our school achieved the highest possible rating of “Very Good” in all five areas. Teresa McSorley commented that it was one of the best inspection reports she had ever written. It is wonderful that all our hard work and commitment to Ballinlough N.S. has been acknowledged by the Dept. of Education. The report will be published when we receive it prior to Christmas.

T. Farrelly
Principal.

