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## **TOP MARKS FOR CAPABILITY SCOTLAND SCHOOL**

Capability Scotland's Corseford School has been praised for providing "a high quality of education and care" in a Government report published today (18 February).

The inspection of the school in Renfrewshire was carried out by the HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIe) and the Care Commission. The school provides day and residential education and respite care for children between 5 and 18 with severe and complex support needs.

Inspectors said pupils are encouraged and empowered, their rights are acknowledged and they are highly motivated and enthusiastic. Pupils have individual curriculums which provide broad, balanced and varied experiences. The high quality of teaching was also highlighted.

Independent living skills are keenly supported within the school's residential accommodation. There is also an after-school club providing activities such as horse-riding, cycling and scouts and cultural awareness is nurtured through visits to art galleries and museums. The development of these skills ensures strong support for pupils' transition to the next stage in their lives.

Head teacher Sue Williams said: "At Corseford we see learning as the key to opening up opportunities for our pupils. We have high expectations of them, and assist them to develop self-awareness, feel valued and become confident in voicing their ideas and opinions.

"Our staff team also has high expectations of itself. We are committed to providing an integrated approach, which balances education, care and therapy. Highly-qualified, motivated and skilled professionals provide pupils with a stimulating learning experience in an inclusive environment."

Alan Dickson, Chief Executive of Capability Scotland said: "Capability aims to be an ally of disabled people, helping them achieve equality, choice and control through our campaigning and the services we provide. Corseford School truly demonstrates how we can make this vision a reality. I am immensely proud of Sue, the staff and pupils at the school for all that they have achieved."

Local West Renfrewshire MSP Trish Godman said: "I am delighted, but not surprised, that Corseford School has received such a glowing report from the inspectors. Having visited the school on many occasions, I have always been struck by the confidence of the pupils, the positive atmosphere and the wide range of learning experiences and activities that are on offer. Full credit must go to all the staff, pupils and parents for this positive inspection report."

## **Ends**

- For further information, please contact Sarah Allen, Head of Communications, on 0131 347 1015
- A case study and photographs of one of the pupils at the school are attached to this release.
- A copy of the inspection report is available at <http://www.hmie.gov.uk/ViewEstablishment.aspx?id=8359&type=3>

## **Note to editors:**

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The inspection highlighted the school's key strengths as:

- The confidence and ability of young people in expressing their views
- Skilled partnership working among care, education and therapy staff
- The range of learning experiences that have successfully developed pupils' personal, social and communication skills
- High expectations of staff and pupils across care and education
- Involvement of parents in the school
- Leadership at all levels