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CHILDREN DO WELL AT COUNCIL NURSERY

Harrogate's Coppice Valley Nursery, which is operated by the council's Department of Leisure and Amenity Services at the Hydro site in Harrogate, has received a glowing OFSTED report with the formal rating of 'very good'.

Harrogate Borough Council has operated this 30 place nursery for children between three months and five years since 1989 and has had good OFSTED reports in the past, but this 'combined report' into the educational and day care services provided by the nursery has been the best yet.

Councillor Pat Jones, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Amenity Services, said: "The Inspector spent two days at the nursery talking to the children and their parents as well as our staff. Her conclusion was that the nursery provides high quality childcare and education in a warm and welcoming environment.

"The inspector made special comment on the children's progress in educational terms as well as their social and emotional development. As well as good communication, numeric and literacy skills, she found that their self esteem and confidence is well nurtured and they are interested in their environment and about each other. Staff came in for a special mention in that not only do they work efficiently they are also a highly motivated and experienced team. Our nursery manager and her team are dedicated to the care and welfare of all the families with children at Coppice and this report certainly recognises their efforts." ENDS

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Tuesday, 10 August 2004 – 10.30 am Coppice Valley Nursery, The Hydro off Jennyfield Drive, Harrogate.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Pat Jones is available for comment on 01423 872466.