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### **Area-Based Inspection**

**St Peter's Primary School  
Belfast**

**March 2009**

## **AREA-BASED INSPECTION - WEST BELFAST AREA 2009: STRATEGIC PLANNING, COHERENCE IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an area-based inspection in St Peter's Primary School, Belfast during March 2009.

The strengths and areas for improvement were identified as follows.

### **Strengths include:**

- the very good standards achieved by the children in English and Mathematics which reflect the hard work of the staff in helping children to reach their full potential;
- the very high quality of both the formal and informal learning which effectively prepare the children for the next stage of their education;
- the outstanding practice observed in developing the children's language both at the foundation stage and at key stage 2 which build effectively on the children's prior experiences;
- the very good connections made across the curriculum to develop a wide range of skills, presented within real life and relevant contexts;
- the excellent ethos evident throughout the school community, based on a mutual respect and care of the individual child, which promotes their confidence, self-esteem and very positive attitudes to learning; and
- the work of the long-serving and dedicated Principal who provides effective leadership in promoting high standards and the evident pastoral care, both within the school and the local community; along with the hard-working and dedicated staff.

### **An area for improvement is the need to:**

- review and evaluate the current extent of parental involvement in the school, and continue to explore methods to engage parents more fully in their children's development and learning.

The overall composite report for the area-based inspection raises some important recurring areas for improvement. While these are not applicable in all the individual organisations, they are nevertheless important to address across the West Belfast area.

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