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### **Area-Based Inspection**

**St Teresa's Primary School  
Belfast**

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## **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 Teresa's Primary School, Belfast during March 2009.

The strengths and areas for improvement were identified as follows.

### **Strengths include:**

- the very good leadership and support provided by the Principal;
- the effective pastoral arrangements in the school which support sensitively the children and the staff;
- by the end of key stage (KS) 2, the increasing independence shown by the children, and the responsibility they take for their learning;
- the high quality and wide range of the learning opportunities and experiences provided by the staff;
- the very strong and effective transition arrangements established with St Teresa's Nursery School; and
- the effective communication within the school, demonstrated in the arrangements for the induction of new children and for their progression from year to year.

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

- develop further the analysis of data to target improvement, an area already identified, and in which the school is well placed to effect improvement.

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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