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### **Area-Based Inspection**

**St Brigid's Primary School**  
**Ballymena**

**March 2009**

## **AREA-BASED INSPECTION - BALLYMENA 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 Brigid's Primary School during March 2009.

### **The strengths include:**

- the interest and enthusiasm of the children and the good working relationships throughout the school which encourages their learning;
- the stimulating learning environment with much celebration of the children's work and good focus on cultural diversity;
- the good quality of care and support for the individual needs of the pupils, in particular the arrangements for pupils for whom English is an additional language;
- the very good quality of a majority of the teaching observed;
- the outstanding support for children with a variety of special educational needs; and
- the very good culture of self-evaluation in the review of aspects of teaching and learning which is clearly evidence-based and is being used to improve the children's learning and the standards they achieve.

Although no significant areas for improvement are identified in this report, the composite report from the area-based inspection raises some broader issues which need to be addressed by all of the schools and organisations visited.

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