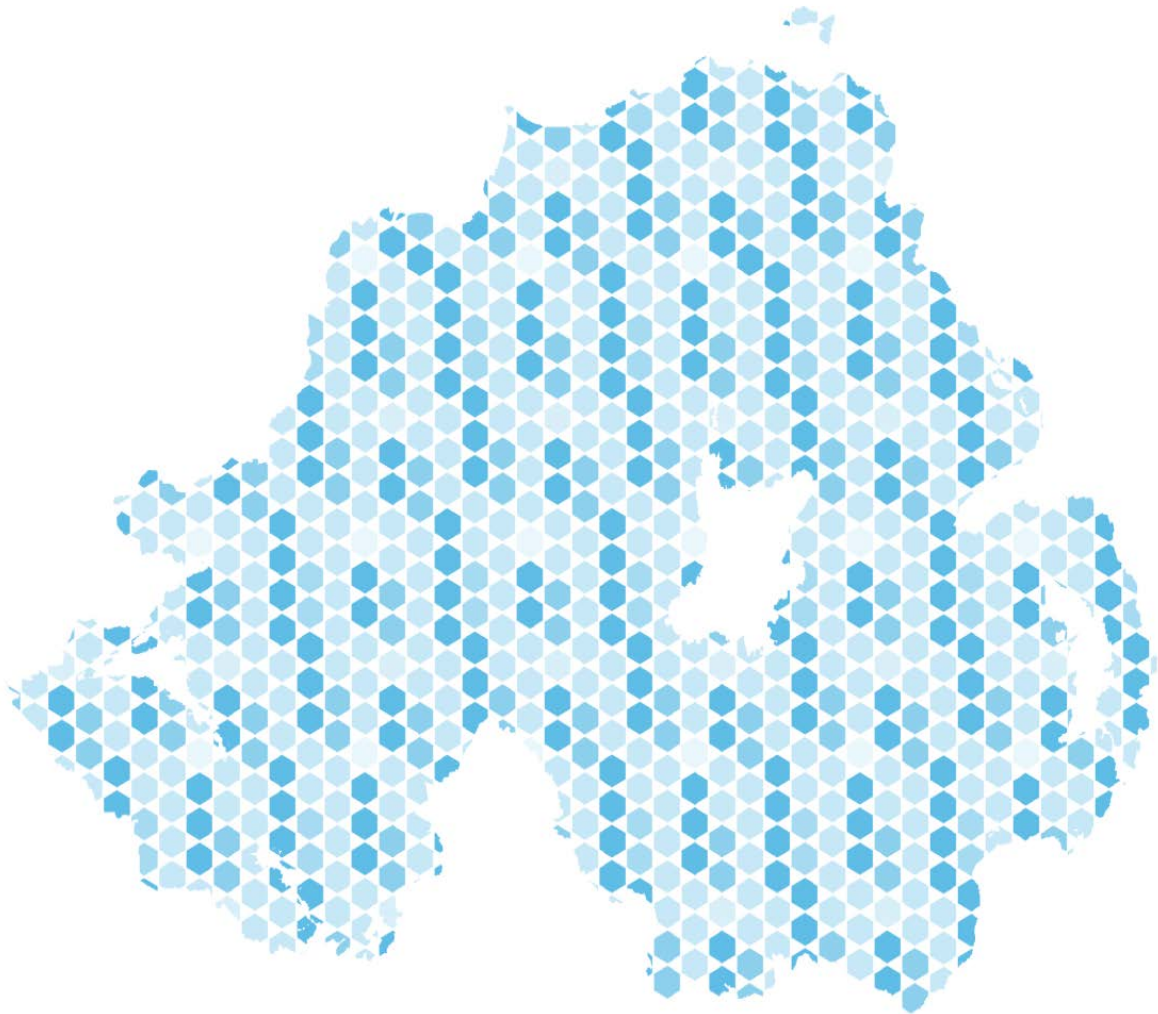


PRIMARY INSPECTION



Education and Training
Inspectorate

Bunscoil and Naíscóil Bheann
Mhadagáin, Belfast

Irish-medium, co-educational

Report of a Follow-up Inspection
(Involving Action Short of Strike) in
March 2018

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FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF BUNSCOIL AND NAÍScoil BHEANN MHADAGÁIN, BELFAST, BT14 6HP (104-6596)

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an inspection of Bunscoil and Naíscoil Bheann Mhadagáin in October 2016¹, which concluded that the school needed to address important areas for improvement in the interest of all the learners.

The areas for improvement were to:

- improve the school development planning process, ensuring that the action plans are focused on outcomes and on the learning needs of the children;
- improve the quality of the planning, learning, teaching and assessment in order to improve the learning experiences for all children and raise the standards they attain; and
- develop the capacity of the leadership to monitor and evaluate the quality of the provision and the standards achieved by all children.

The school's action plans were of a good quality.

The ETI carried out an interim follow-up visit in June 2017 and a follow-up inspection in March 2018.

Four of the teaching unions which make up the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council (NITC) have declared industrial action primarily in relation to a pay dispute. This includes non-co-operation with the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI). Prior to the inspection, the school informed the ETI that none of the teachers or the principal would be co-operating with the inspectors. The ETI has a statutory duty to monitor, inspect and report on the quality of education under Article 102 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. Therefore, the inspection proceeded and the following evaluations are based on the evidence as made available at the time of the inspection.

Key findings

Owing to action short of strike, the ETI was unable to evaluate the areas for improvement. Consequently, there remains a need for Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin to address important areas for improvement.

The areas for improvement remain as the need to:

- improve the school development planning process, ensuring that the action plans are focused on outcomes and on the learning needs of the children;
- improve the quality of the planning, learning, teaching and assessment in order to improve the learning experiences for all children and raise the standards they attain; and
- develop the capacity of the leadership to monitor and evaluate the quality of the provision and the standards achieved by all children.

¹ [Primary Inspection – Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin, Belfast | Education Training Inspectorate](#)

Consequently, there remains a need for Bunscoil and Naíscoil Bheann Mhadagáin to address the important areas for improvement.

Overall effectiveness

Owing to the impact of the action short of strike being taken by the staff, the ETI is unable to assure parents/carers, the wider school community and stakeholders of the quality of education being provided for the children. The school is a high priority for future inspection with no further notice.

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