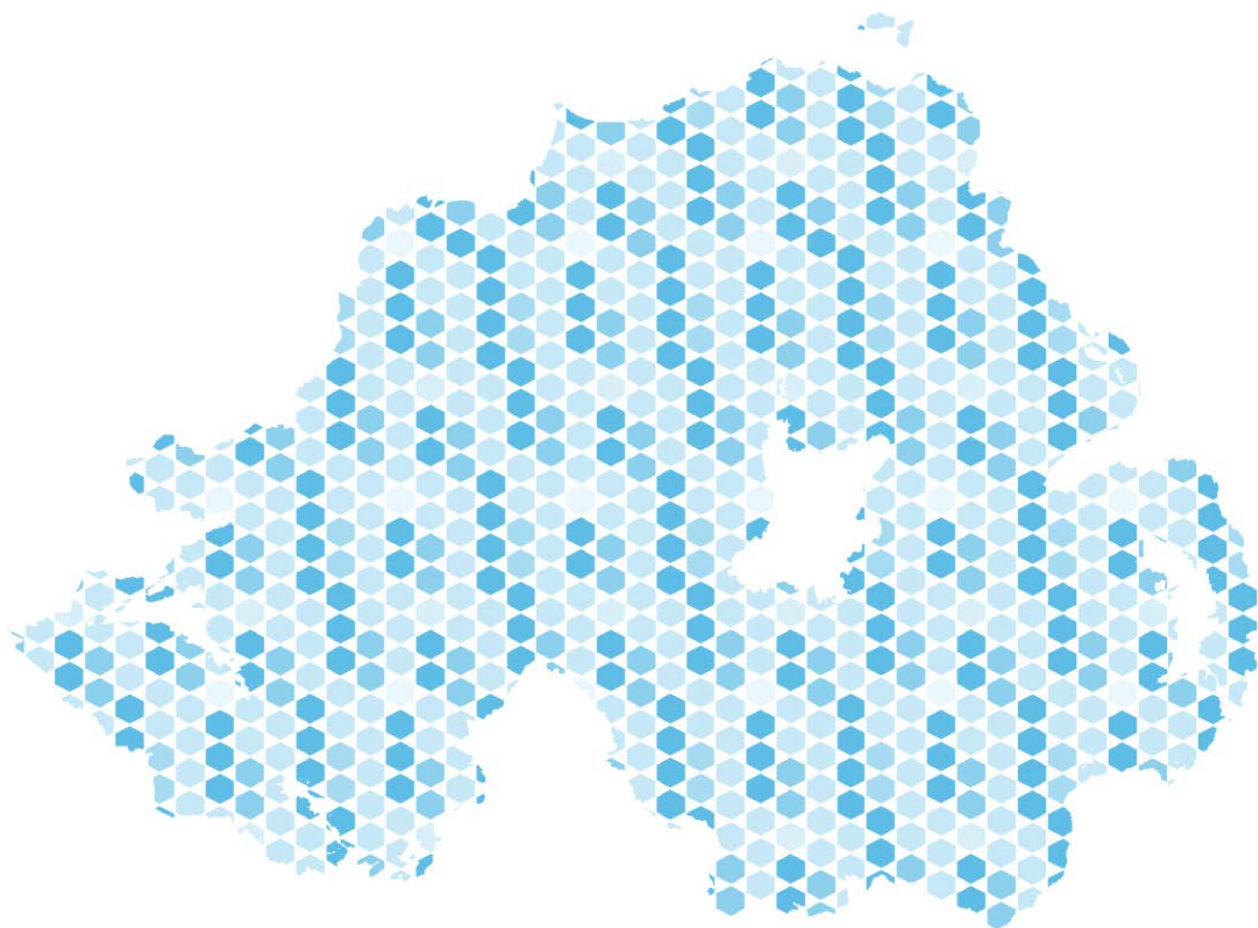


PRIMARY INSPECTION



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Lislagan Primary School,
Ballymoney, County Antrim

Controlled, co-educational

Report of a Follow-up Inspection
(Involving Action Short of Strike) in
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FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF LISLAGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL BALLYMONEY, BT53 7JF (301-0787)

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an inspection in April 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:

- monitor and evaluate more rigorously the provision to inform the school's self-evaluation and school development planning processes;
- develop further the action plans to focus clearly on learning and teaching in order to raise further the standards attained by the children;
- provide parents with an annual report and put in place an updated prospectus; and
- address the reported safeguarding issues:
 - to put in place record keeping arrangements in relation to the school's safeguarding procedures and practices, including training for staff and governors; and
 - to ensure all parents are informed of safeguarding arrangements every two years, and are consulted as part of the review of pastoral policies.

The ETI carried out an interim follow-up visit on 13 January 2017.

In the interval since the first inspection, actions or changes which affect the work of the school include:

- the school received support from the Education Authority.

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 interim follow-up visit and the follow-up inspection, the school informed the ETI that none of the staff 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 interim follow-up visit and the follow-up inspection proceeded.

Key findings

- The record keeping arrangements in relation to the school's safeguarding procedures and practices, including training for staff and governors are now in place.

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- The parents have been consulted and informed of safeguarding arrangements, and plans to do this every two years are in place.
- The parents have been provided with with an annual report and an updated school prospectus.

Owing to action short of strike, the ETI was unable to evaluate fully the impact of reported actions taken and the extent to which the the following areas for improvement have been addressed:

- to monitor and evaluate more rigorously the provision to inform the school's self-evaluation and school development planning processes; and
- to develop further the action plans to focus clearly on learning and teaching in order to raise further the standards attained by the children.

Conclusion

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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