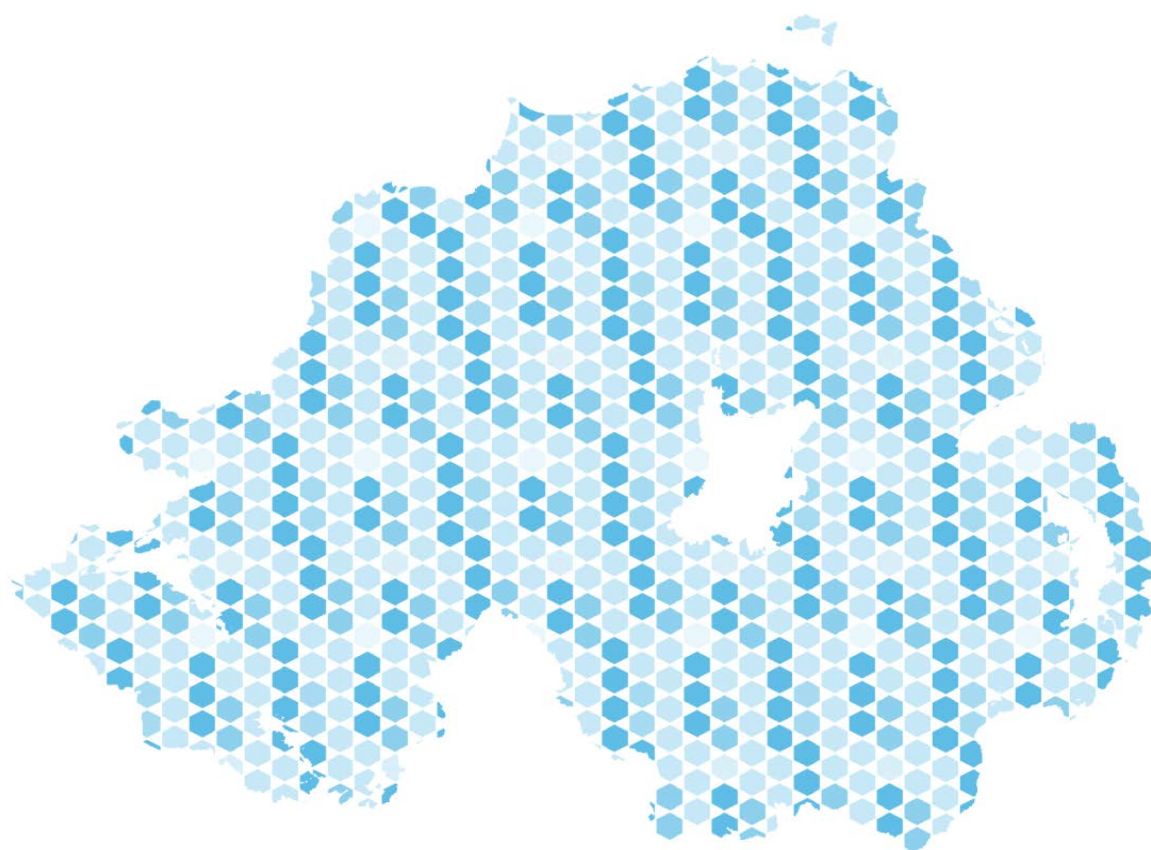


PRIMARY INSPECTION



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Dungannon Primary School,
Dungannon, County Tyrone

Controlled, co-educational

Report of a Monitoring Inspection
(Involving Action Short of Strike)
in April 2017



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Monitoring Inspection of Dungannon Primary School, Dungannon, County Tyrone (501-2720)

Introduction

The aim of the Monitoring Inspection is to evaluate the extent to which the leadership and management uses self-evaluation effectively to inform the development planning process to bring about improvement. The outcome of the inspection will inform future inspection activity.

Four of the teaching unions which make up the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council have declared Action Short of Strike in relation to a pay dispute. This includes non co-operation with the ETI. Prior to the inspection, the school informed the ETI that all of the teachers, the principal and board of governors would not 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.

Focus of the inspection

- Due to the school's participation in industrial action, the inspection was unable to focus on evaluating action to promote improvement and its impact on learning and teaching and outcomes for learners.
- As a result, lines of inquiry were not selected from the development plan priorities; the school did not demonstrate if and how the actions taken have led to improvement for the learners.

Key findings

Due to the non-participation of the principal and teachers in the inspection process, no key findings can be reported.

Safeguarding

During the inspection, the school did not provide evidence that satisfactory arrangements are in place for safeguarding learners.

Conclusion

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

The ETI will return to the school within six weeks to evaluate and report on the arrangements for safeguarding.

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SAFEGUARDING

The ETI returned to the school on 19 October 2017 to monitor and report on arrangements for safeguarding.

The purpose of the visit was to provide the school with a further opportunity to provide evidence on its arrangements for safeguarding; owing to action short of strike, the school did not provide evidence about safeguarding arrangements at the time of the monitoring inspection on 27 April 2017.

During the follow-up visit, the school provided evidence that arrangements for safeguarding reflect broadly the guidance from the Department of Education.

However, owing to the action short of strike, the ETI was unable to evaluate fully the outworking of the arrangements for safeguarding in the school, including talking to the children.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

There is a need to address the traffic safety issue where traffic and children converge at the steps at the front of the school.

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