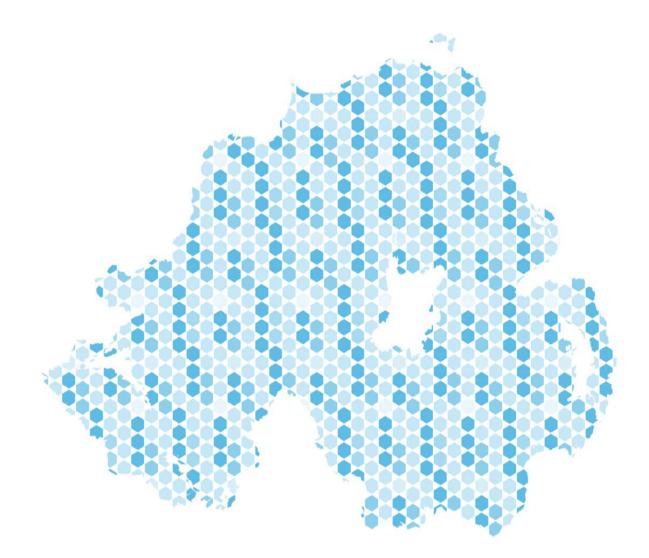
## PRIMARY INSPECTION



Education and Training Inspectorate

## Enniskillen Model Primary School including Language Centre, County Fermanagh

Controlled, co-educational

Report of an Inspection (Involving Action Short of Strike) in May 2017



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#### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Context

Enniskillen Model Primary School is a controlled, co-educational school.

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, including 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.

#### 2. Views of children, parents and staff

As a result of the action short of strike, the school did not distribute the online questionnaire information to parents and staff nor facilitate the focus group meetings with children. Therefore, it is not possible to report on the views of parents and staff or children.

#### 3. Focus of the inspection

The ETI was unable to evaluate:

- the outcomes for children with a particular focus on numeracy and literacy including across the curriculum and how the school is addressing low attainment and underachievement where applicable;
- the quality of provision with a particular focus on numeracy and literacy including across the curriculum and the language centre; and
- the quality of leadership and management.

Where it has been possible to evaluate aspects of the foci, they are reported below.

#### 4. Overall findings of the inspection

Overall effectiveness	Unable to assure the quality of education
Outcomes for learners	No performance level available
Quality of provision	No performance level available
Leadership and management	No performance level available
Language Support Centre	No performance level available

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

#### 5. Outcomes for learners

The ETI was unable to evaluate:

- standards attained by the children;
- progression in the children's learning; and
- the children's wider skills and dispositions.

#### 6. Quality of provision

The ETI was unable to evaluate:

- the quality of the curriculum;
- the effectiveness of the guidance and support in bringing about high quality individual learning experiences;
- the effectiveness and impact of planning, teaching, learning and assessment in promoting successful learning; and
- care and welfare.

#### 7. Leadership and management

The ETI was unable to evaluate:

- the effectiveness of strategic leadership and governance;
- the effectiveness and impact of middle leadership; and
- the effectiveness of action to promote and sustain improvement.

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

#### 8. Overall effectiveness

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 also return to the school within six weeks to monitor and report on the arrangements for safeguarding.

### APPENDIX A

### Health and Safety/ Accommodation

1. There is a need for the school to review the security of the access arrangements to the school grounds.

#### APPENDIX B

#### Inspection methodology and evidence base

The ETI's Inspection and Self-Evaluation Framework is available on the ETI website: <u>The</u> <u>Inspection and Self-Evaluation Framework (ISEF): Effective Practice and Self-Evaluation</u> <u>Questions for Primary | Education Training Inspectorate</u>

Inspectors observe learning and teaching, scrutinise documentation and the children's written work and hold formal and informal discussions with children, teachers and staff with specific responsibilities.

The arrangements for inspection include:

- a meeting with a representative(s) from the governors;
- meetings with groups of children; and
- the opportunity for the parents, teaching and support staff to complete a confidential questionnaire.

Where, owing to the action short of strike, this evidence base was not available, it has been referenced in the body of the report.

#### Reporting terms used by the Education and Training Inspectorate

#### Quantitative terms

In this report, proportions may be described as percentages, common fractions and in more general quantitative terms. Where more general terms are used, they should be interpreted as follows:

Almost/nearly all	-	more than 90%
Most	-	75% - 90%
A majority	-	50% - 74%
A significant minority	-	30% - 49%
A minority	-	10% - 29%
Very few/a small number	-	less than 10%

#### Performance levels

The ETI use the following performance levels when reporting on outcomes for learners, quality of provision and leadership and management<sup>1</sup>:

Outstanding	
Very good	
Good	
Important area(s) for improvement	
Requires significant improvement	
Requires urgent improvement	

#### **Overall effectiveness**

The ETI use one of the following inspection outcomes when evaluating the overall effectiveness of the school:

The school has a high level of capacity for sustained improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will monitor how the school sustains improvement.

The school demonstrates the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will monitor how the school sustains improvement.

The school needs to address (an) important area(s) for improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will monitor and report on the school's progress in addressing the area(s) for improvement. There will be a formal follow-up inspection in 12 to 18 months.

The school needs to address urgently the significant areas for improvement identified in the interest of all the learners. It requires external support to do so. The ETI will monitor and report on the school's progress in addressing the areas for improvement. There will be a formal follow-up inspection in 18 to 24 months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> And the overall provision in a subject area or unit, as applicable.

# ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MAY 2017

#### SAFEGUARDING

The ETI returned to the school on 15 June 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 that satisfactory arrangements were in place at the time of the inspection on 30 May 2017.

During the follow-up visit, the school provided evidence that satisfactory arrangements for safeguarding reflect broadly the guidance issued by the relevant departments. In discussion, the children reported that they feel safe and cared for in the school. They know what to do and who to talk to if they are concerned about their safety or well-being. 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.

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