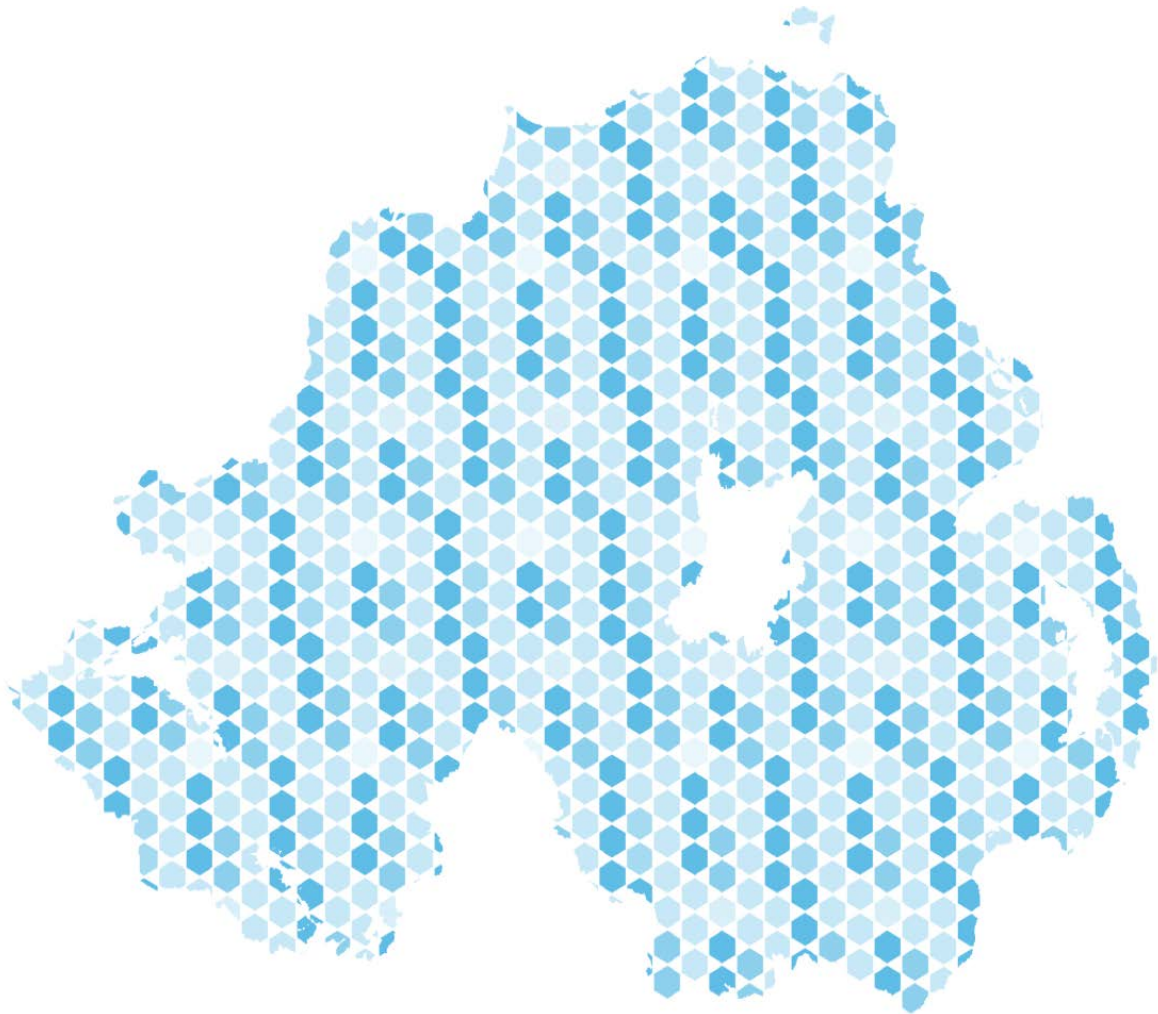


# PRIMARY INSPECTION



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Maintained, co-educational

Report of a Sustaining Improvement  
Inspection (Involving Action Short of  
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## **Sustaining Improvement Inspection of Holy Rosary Primary School, Belfast (103-0327)**

### **Introduction**

The previous inspection in November 2013, evaluated the overall effectiveness of Holy Rosary Primary School as good<sup>1</sup>. A sustaining improvement inspection (SII) was conducted on 27 April 2017.

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.

### **Focus of the inspection**

The inspection focused on evaluating the extent to which the school is capable of demonstrating its capacity to effect improvement through self-evaluation and effective school development planning.

Owing to the school's participation in industrial action:

- the inspection was unable to focus on evaluating the extent to which the school is capable of demonstrating its capacity to effect improvement through self-evaluation and effective school planning; and
- lines of enquiry were not selected by the school from the development plan priorities.

### **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, and 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.

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<sup>1</sup> A school previously evaluated as good has been reported as the school demonstrating the capacity to identify and bring about improvement.

## **ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF HOLY ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN APRIL 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 original inspection on 27 April 2017.

Owing to the ongoing action short of strike, the ETI was unable to evaluate fully the outworking of the arrangements for safeguarding in the school including having a discussion with the children.

During the follow-up visit, the school provided evidence that satisfactory arrangements for safeguarding reflect broadly the guidance issued by the relevant Departments.

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