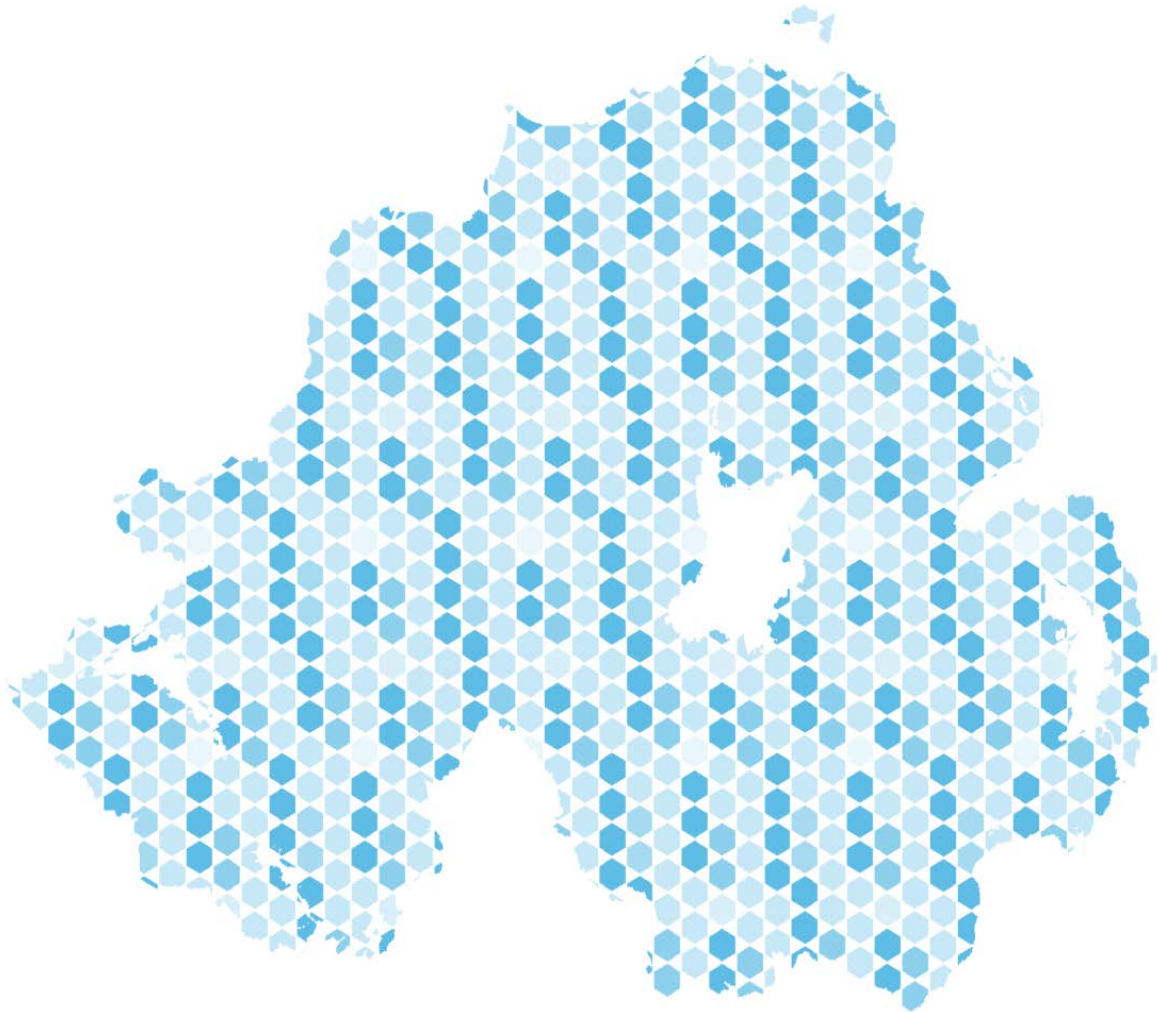


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St Naile's Primary School, Kinawley,
County Fermanagh

Maintained, co-educational

Report of a Sustaining Improvement
Inspection (Involving Action Short of
Strike) in December 2017



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Sustaining Improvement Inspection of St Naile's Primary School, Kinawley, County Fermanagh (203-6090)

Introduction

The previous inspection in October 2014 evaluated the overall effectiveness of St Naile's Primary School as very good¹. The principal and most of the staff are in post since the last inspection. A sustaining improvement inspection (SII) was conducted on 6 December 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

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
- a line of inquiry was not selected by the school from the development plan priorities.

Key findings

The ETI was unable to evaluate:

- the line of inquiry; and
- the quality of learning and teaching within the classrooms.

It will be important that the employing authority, school governors and the staff plan for, and manage, issues related to the sustainability of the school provision and school budget, in order to address the current and future needs of the children and the staff.

Safeguarding

During the inspection, the school provided evidence that the arrangements for safeguarding children reflect broadly the guidance from the Department of Education.

The ETI team met with a group of year 6 children who described the school as a place where they feel cared for, safe and secure. They understand what to do and who to talk to if they are concerned about their safety or well-being. The children are confident in their leadership roles within the school and Eco-council where they contribute to the life of the school. 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.

¹ From September 2015, the overall effectiveness of a school evaluated previously as outstanding or very good has been reported as a school demonstrating a high level of capacity for sustained improvement.

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.

Health and safety

1. The fence running parallel to the side of the building is of insufficient height allowing for unregulated access to the school grounds.

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