

ETI UPDATE: January 2023

To all those who work in education,

We take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and to set out for you the themes which will guide our work during the period from January 2023 to April 2023.

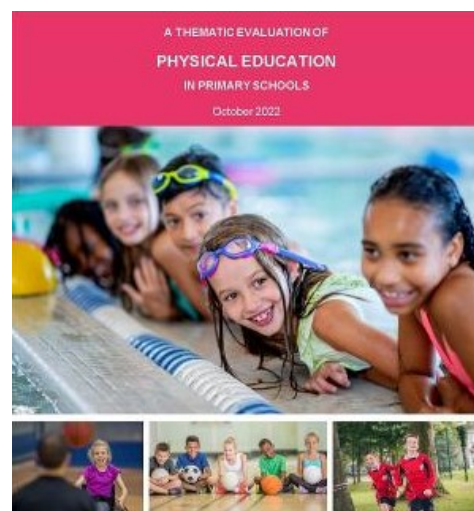


At the start of this academic year, in line with the ETI's new Quality Improvement Strategy which has been co-designed with practitioners, parents and young people, we began a programme of work focused on engaging constructively and considerately with schools and organisations to document what is going well for learners and where improvement is needed through system-level evaluations in areas such as teacher professional learning to support pupils with special educational needs and digital skills.



We launched our PE Report in early November 2022, hosting two dissemination events in venues across Northern Ireland. We thank the schools involved in disseminating their highly effective practice to support professional learning for impact. When we share our knowledge and expertise, children and young people are the beneficiaries.

The evaluation identifies existing effective practice in the delivery of PE across the primary school sector in Northern Ireland, including examples of best practice. It reports too that schools and



stakeholders are not realising the full potential of PE to contribute positively to the learning process and the children’s physical and emotional health and wellbeing. The report identifies the next steps to be considered and acted upon collectively and decisively by schools, the Department of Education and other stakeholders.

We carried out over 100 self-nominated visits to schools and other settings as part of our development of a new approach to individual organisation inspection. We are very grateful to those schools for participating in this work, despite the challenging times facing education at present. We cannot do this work without your input, so we have welcomed your feedback and have made modifications in response to it. Our work is all the better as a consequence of your engagement with us, so thank you.

The ETI’s Programme of Work which span the four quadrants of the Quality Improvement Strategy include:

<p>Individual Organisation Inspection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up Inspections • District Inspector engagement • Development of Inspection, including self-nominated inspection prototypes and visits • Quality Improvement Planning and ‘Call 3’ visits 	<p>Thematic evaluations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital skills • Teacher Professional Learning to support pupils with special educational needs • Teacher Professional Learning to support high quality Shared Education provision • Revised 2021 Funding Scheme for voluntary youth organisations 	<p>Broader and exploratory inspection and evaluation work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with a range of educational researchers to explore links between Inspection and Research • Level 3 provision 	<p>Professional Learning for Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of ETI evaluations: Preventative curriculum / Specialist provisions (learning) in mainstream schools / Engage II Programme

Further details on the ETI’s Programme of Work for January 2023 to April 2023 can be found [here](#).

If there is any additional area of your work which you would like us to see, please contact us and we will be happy to accommodate a district visit, schedule permitting.

If you have any queries regarding this work, please contact the Inspection Services Team at eti@education-ni.gov.uk or on 028 9127 9726 or you can talk to your District Inspector.