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Sustaining Improvement Inspection of Donaghadee Primary School, Donaghadee, County Down (401-1654)

Introduction

The previous inspection in October 2014, evaluated the overall effectiveness of Donaghadee Primary School as outstanding¹. A sustaining improvement inspection (SII) was conducted on 12 October 2017.

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. The school also provided evidence of provision for safeguarding as part of the inspection.

The line of inquiry during the SII was:

- the further development of numeracy, with a particular focus on mental mathematics, supported through the use of digital technologies and information and communication technologies (ICT) by the children.

Key findings

- The school development plan, is informed by extensive consultation with children, staff, parents and governors and underpins the strategic direction of the school. The comprehensive numeracy planning includes connected learning opportunities for the children. The staff's continual monitoring and evaluation of the developments and the appropriate pace of implementation ensure the consolidation of key aspects within the numeracy and ICT programmes.
- The children enjoy numeracy lessons; by key stage 2, the children are confident and flexible in their mathematical thinking. They employ a wide range of strategies to solve problems and justify their answers using accurate mathematical language. The ICT programme develops very effectively the children's confidence, self-esteem and acquisition of the key skills. The staff have responded very well to ICT training and implement this confidently into their practice.

Safeguarding

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

Conclusion

Donaghadee Primary School continues to demonstrate a high level of capacity for sustained improvement in the interest of all the learners. The ETI will continue to monitor how the school sustains improvement.

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.

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