

# PRIMARY INSPECTION



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Nursery Unit, Magherafelt,  
County Londonderry

Controlled, co-educational

Report of a Sustaining Improvement  
Inspection in March 2018



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# **Sustaining Improvement Inspection of Moneymore Primary School and Nursery Unit, Magherafelt, County Londonderry (501-2280)**

## **Introduction**

The previous inspection in March 2015 evaluated the overall effectiveness of Moneymore Primary School and Nursery Unit as outstanding<sup>1</sup>. Since the last inspection, the enrolment has continued to increase and there have been a number of staff changes. A sustaining improvement inspection (SII) was conducted in March 2018.

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

The lines of inquiry during the SII were:

- numeracy, with a focus on financial capability; and
- the World Around Us, with a focus on science.

## **Key findings**

- A culture of self-evaluation, well-conceived professional development and a shared understanding of, and responsibility for, school improvement underpin all developmental work. There are clear lines of progression in the children's learning in numeracy and the World Around Us, and the high quality learning experiences are enhanced through the creative use of the outdoor environment and the meaningful links with the local and wider community.
- Key features of the learning and teaching in numeracy and the World Around Us include: the very effective paired and group work; and, the connections made to other areas of the curriculum. The children develop and apply their financial capability skills in real-life situations appropriate to their age and stage of development; they are flexible in their thinking and use of mathematical strategies. In the World Around Us, the children engage enthusiastically in well-planned and well-resourced investigative and enquiry-based learning activities which develop their scientific language, knowledge and skills.

## **Safeguarding**

During the inspection, the school provided evidence that the arrangements for safeguarding children reflect the guidance from the Department of Education. The year 6 children spoke at length about the many aspects of school they enjoy. They feel safe and happy in school and know what to do if they have a concern.

## **Conclusion**

Moneymore Primary School and Nursery Unit 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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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