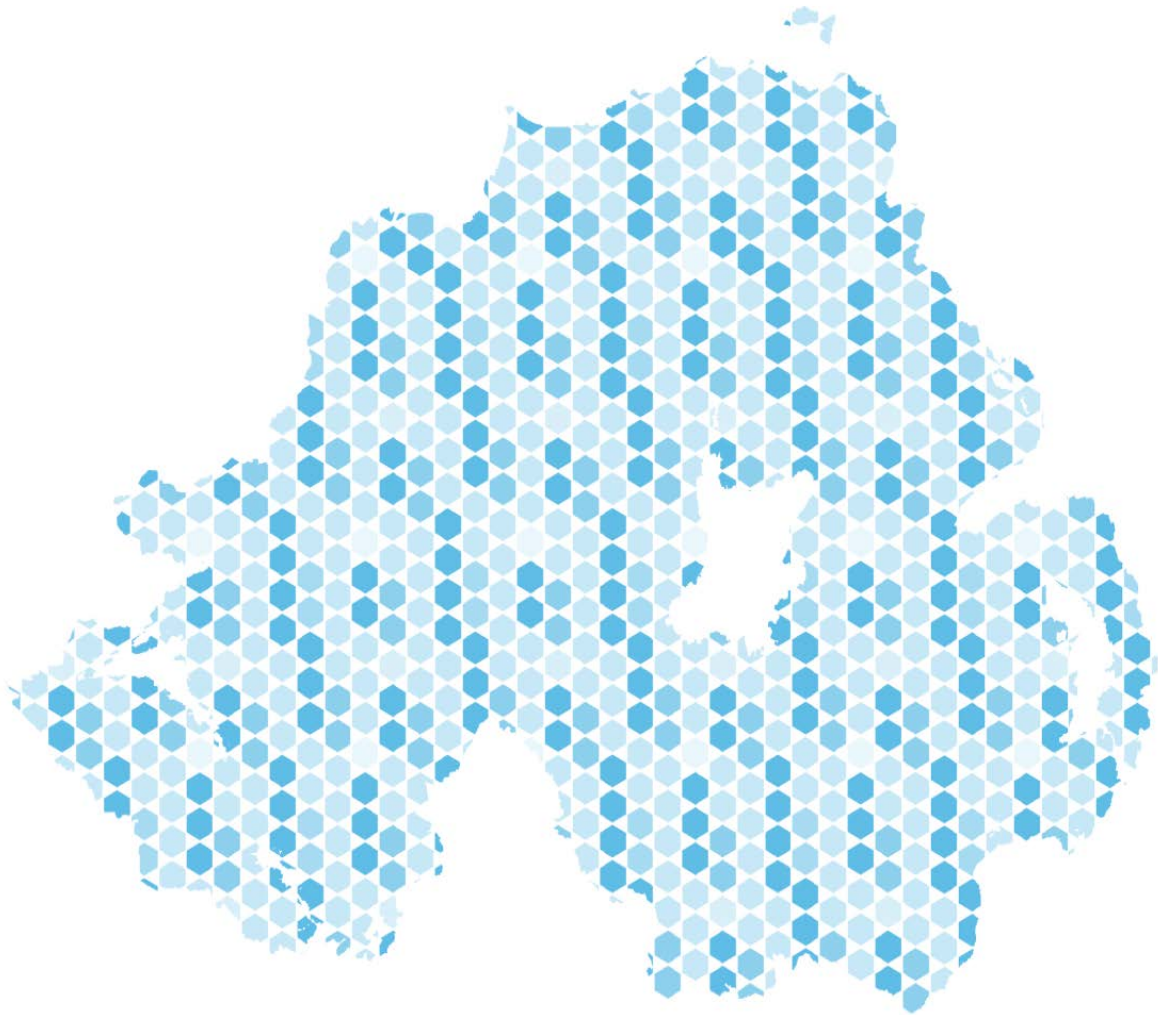


# PRIMARY INSPECTION



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St Brigid's Primary School,  
Cranagh, County Tyrone

Maintained, co-educational

Report of a Sustaining  
Improvement Inspection  
in January 2017



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## Sustaining Improvement Inspection of St Brigid's Primary School (203-2685)

### Introduction

The previous inspection in February 2014, evaluated the overall effectiveness of St Brigid's Primary School as very good<sup>1</sup>. In the interim period, the staff have been proactive in taking school developments further through clustering, shared and extended school arrangements with neighbouring schools. In addition, there is investment in information and communication technology resources and training. The current enrolment is 22.

A sustaining improvement inspection (SII) was conducted on 24 January 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 lines of inquiry during the SII were developments:

- in literacy with a focus on writing, talking and listening; and
- in the World Around Us with a specific focus on scientific investigation.

### Key findings

- Appropriate strategies and developments in planning and assessments for literacy ensure that the outcomes for the children remain at a high standard.
- During the inspection, the children in all key stages, were engaged effectively in developing their scientific skills in investigation, exploration and estimation. Recent investments in information and communication technology are part of the school development plan to enhance further the children's positive learning experiences across the curriculum, in literacy and investigative science.
- 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 continue to reflect<sup>2</sup> the guidance issued by the relevant Departments.

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

<sup>2</sup> From January 2017, arrangements previously evaluated as comprehensive are reported as **reflect** the guidance.

## **Conclusion**

St Brigid's 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.

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