

# The work of the Education and Training Inspectorate: Autumn term update

Schools and organisations have faced significant challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. They have provided learners with access to high quality teaching and learning by responding to these challenges with positivity, innovation, dedication and professionalism. ETI has worked closely and collaboratively with practitioners, parents, learners and policy makers during this time.

Throughout the Autumn term, ETI's work will focus on engagement, capacity building and high quality thematic evaluation, as we work together across the education system. Our mission to promote improvement will be lived out in all that we do, as it has never been more important to have an education system that works together in the best interests of our learners. There will be five main strands to ETI's work during the Autumn term.

1: District engagement and Monitoring visits

2: Thematic evaluations

3: Capacity building

4: Policy advice

5: Corporate development

## 1: District engagement and Monitoring visits

District Inspectors will continue to support schools and organisations through the provision of expert advice, guidance, resources and thematic sectoral reports and will continue to disseminate exemplars of effective and innovative practice across all phases in the education system to help share solutions to the issues being faced. We will continue to conduct short formal monitoring visits to schools and organisations which are in the follow-up inspection process. Guidance for schools and organisations on monitoring visits is available [here](#). We also reserve the right to conduct a formal inspection where there are concerns about provision, for example, in relation to safeguarding arrangements in a setting.

## 2: Thematic evaluations

ETI will conduct a range of commissioned thematic evaluations to monitor and report on key contemporary areas, including those relevant to the pandemic and post-pandemic contexts.

## 3: Capacity building

ETI will embark on an ambitious programme of capacity and capability building in the education system to help organisations to self-evaluate and improve provision for learners in the areas of: senior and middle leadership; remote and digital learning; and classroom learning and teaching.

## 4: Policy advice

ETI will support policy development through the provision of timely, evidence-based, professional advice to promote improvement for learners. Significant expertise is housed in ETI and, as Inspectors work right across the educational landscape, their ability to provide evidence-based policy advice is extensive and well-rounded.

## 5: Corporate development

We will be consulting extensively with everyone involved in education to help inform our programme of corporate development and our priorities for improvement. A programme of corporate development work has been established which will be fundamental to resetting the direction of the work of ETI.

**We wish all schools, organisations and learners a safe and happy return to education in September. If you have any queries about any aspect of this work, please contact Inspection Services Team on 028 9127 9726 or [eti@education-ni.gov.uk](mailto:eti@education-ni.gov.uk).**