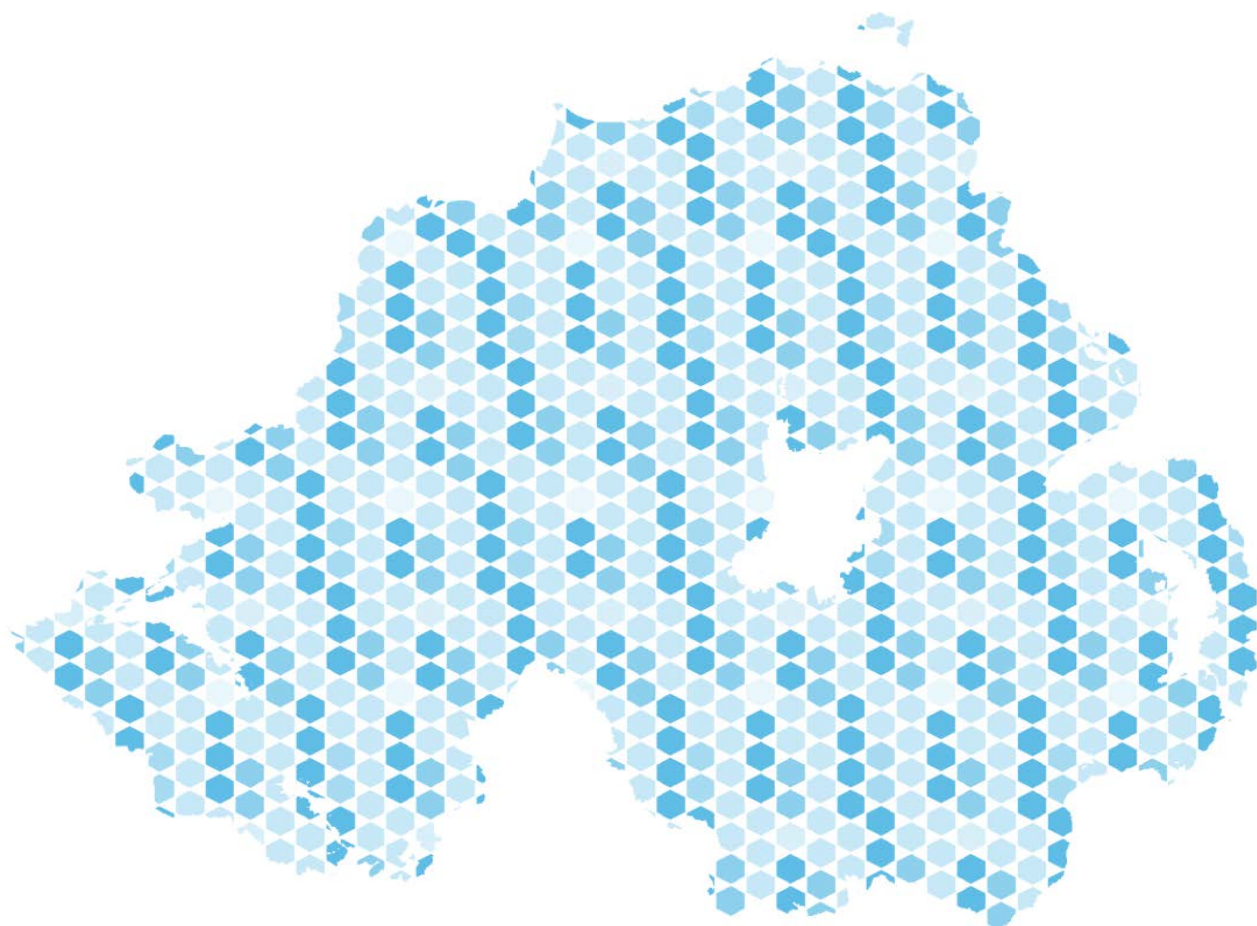


# PRIMARY INSPECTION



Education and Training  
Inspectorate

Elmgrove Primary School,  
Belfast

Controlled, co-educational

Report of a Follow-up Inspection  
(Involving Action Short of Strike)  
in April 2018

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## **FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSPECTION OF ELMGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELFAST, BT5 4RS (101-0255)**

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) carried out an inspection of Elmgrove Primary School in October 2016, which concluded that the school needed to address important areas for improvement<sup>1</sup> in the interest of all the learners.

The areas for improvement were to:

- improve the overall standards the children achieve in literacy and numeracy; and
- monitor and evaluate rigorously the impact of the work of the school, including the curricular teams, on the quality of provision and on the standards achieved by the children.

The school's action plans were not submitted to the Department of Education and as a consequence no feedback could be provided by the ETI.

The school did not co-operate with the interim follow-up visit in November 2017.

Four of the teaching unions which make up the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council (NITC) have declared industrial action primarily in relation to a pay dispute. This includes non-co-operation with the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI). Prior to the follow-up inspection, the school informed the ETI that none of the teachers, including the principal, would be co-operating with the inspectors. The ETI has a statutory duty to monitor, inspect and report on the quality of education under Article 102 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. Therefore, the inspection proceeded and the following evaluations are based on the evidence as made available at the time of the inspection.

In the interval since the initial inspection, the school has not co-operated with the ETI and therefore it has not been possible to report on any actions or changes which may have taken place in the school.

### **Key findings**

Owing to action short of strike, the ETI was unable to evaluate the areas for improvement. Consequently, there remains a need for Elmgrove Primary School to address important areas for improvement.

The areas for improvement remain as, to:

- improve the overall standards the children achieve in literacy and numeracy; and
- monitor and evaluate rigorously the impact of the work of the school, including the curricular teams, on the quality of provision and on the standards achieved by the children.

### **Overall effectiveness**

Owing to the impact of the action short of strike being taken by the staff, the ETI is unable to assure parents/carers, the wider school community and stakeholders of the quality of education being provided for the children. The school is a high priority for future inspection with no further notice.

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<sup>1</sup> [Primary Inspection Report - Elmgrove Primary School October 2016](#)

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