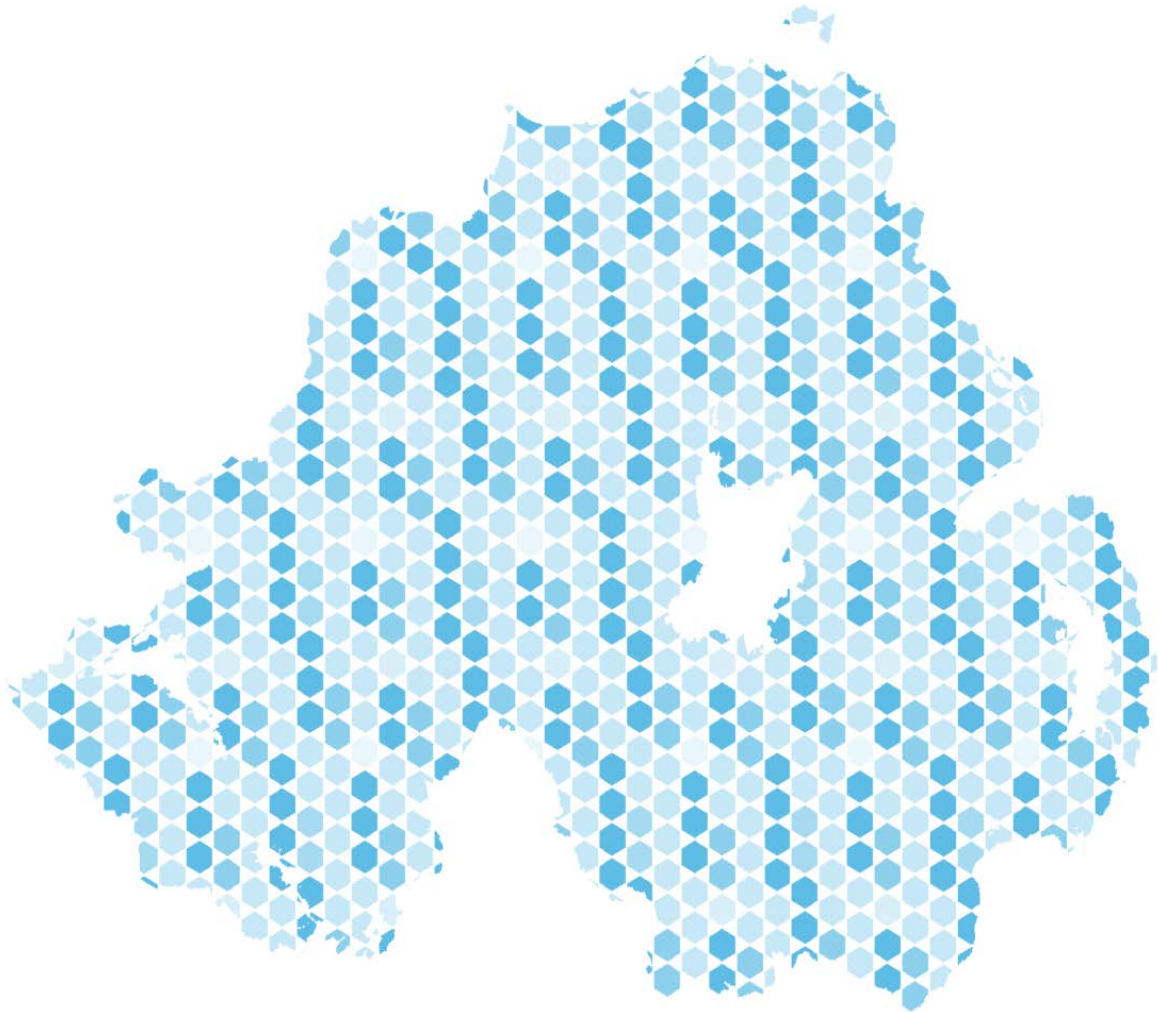


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Christ the King Primary School and
Nursery Unit, Omagh, County Tyrone

Maintained, co-educational

Report of a Sustaining Improvement
Inspection (Involving Action Short of
Strike) in February 2017



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Sustaining Improvement Inspection of Christ the King Primary School and Nursery Unit, Omagh, County Tyrone (203-6449)

Introduction

The previous inspection in February 2014 evaluated the overall effectiveness of Christ the King Primary School and Nursery Unit as outstanding¹. A sustaining improvement inspection was conducted on 28 February 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 inspection, the school informed the ETI that none of the teachers and 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.

Focus of the inspection

The inspection focused on evaluating the extent to which the school sustained improvement through self-evaluation and effective school development planning.

Owing to the school's participation in industrial action:

- the inspection was unable to focus on evaluating action to promote improvement and its impact on learning and teaching and outcomes for learners;
- lines of inquiry were not selected from the development plan priorities; and
- the school did not demonstrate if and how the actions taken have led to improvement for the learners.

Key findings

The ETI was unable to evaluate:

- the lines of enquiry; and
- the quality of learning and teaching within the classrooms.

Safeguarding

During the inspection, the school provided evidence that satisfactory arrangements for safeguarding reflect broadly the guidance issued by the relevant Departments. The group of children from year 6 report that they feel happy and safe in school and know whom to contact if they have any concerns about their well-being. The designated teacher for child protection provided evidence of policies and procedures in place and engaged in discussion about the arrangements for safeguarding.

However, owing to the action short of strike, the ETI was unable to evaluate fully, or discuss with the governors, the outworking of the arrangements for safeguarding in the school.

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Conclusion

Owing to the impact of the action short of strike being taken by the principal and teachers, 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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