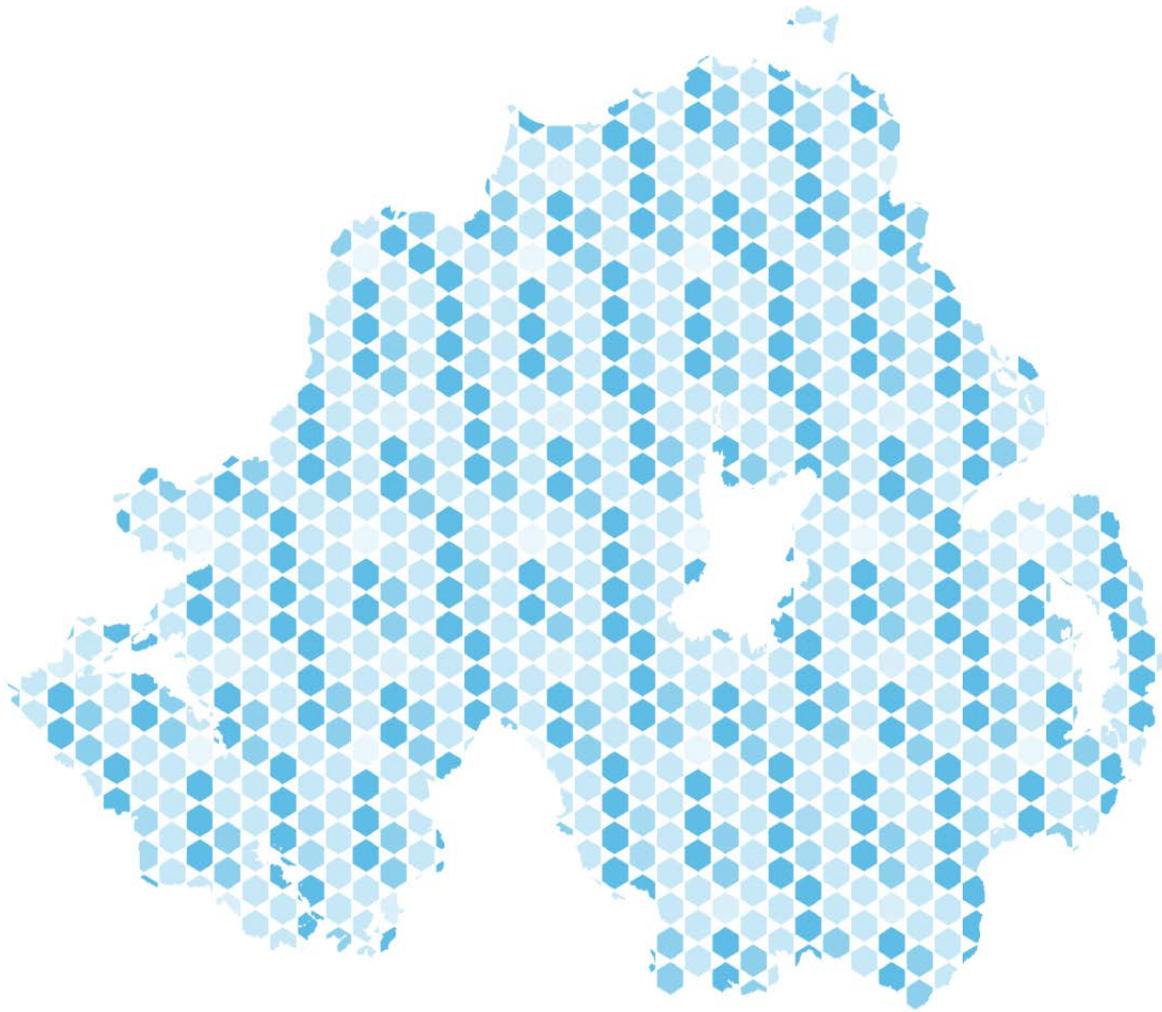


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St John's Primary School,
Swatragh, County Derry

Maintained, co-educational

Report of a Sustaining
Improvement Inspection
in May 2017



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Sustaining Improvement Inspection of St John's Primary School, Swatragh, County Derry (303-2274)

Introduction

The previous inspection in October 2013 evaluated the overall effectiveness of St. John's Primary School, Swatragh, as very good¹. In the interim, an acting vice-principal and an acting literacy co-ordinator have been appointed. A sustaining improvement inspection (SII) was conducted on 18 May 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:

- to develop further the capacity of leadership throughout the school; and
- to develop further the effective use of data at whole-school level to improve the learning experiences and outcomes for the children.

Key findings

- Key curriculum co-ordinators have been put in place and clarification of their roles and responsibilities has been established. The school development plan and associated action plans focus appropriately on improving experiences and outcomes for the children.
- Through a range of well-conceived professional development opportunities, including the sharing of best practice across neighbouring schools, the co-ordinators have continued to develop their ability to use a range of data to monitor and evaluate effectively the provision and standards within their areas of responsibility. The individual education plans are highly effective in supporting the children in setting individual targets and in monitoring their progress.

Safeguarding

During the inspection, the school provided evidence that arrangements for safeguarding continue to reflect the guidance issued by the relevant Departments.

Conclusion

St. John's Primary School, Swatragh, 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.

¹ 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.

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