

National thematic inspection: empowerment for parent and pupil participation

Briefing for school staff and parents involved in meetings and discussion groups

In September 2018, Janie McManus, Strategic Director Scrutiny, Education Scotland wrote to all Directors of Education with details of three thematic inspections related to aspects of empowerment set out in the Education Reform Joint Agreement, June 2018.

The third of these thematic inspections will focus on **parent and pupil participation** and will take place during week commencing 18 March to week commencing 29 April 2019. Your school has been selected to participate as part of the sample of schools for this thematic inspection. HM Inspectors will visit your school for a day. During the visit, inspectors will meet the senior leadership team; speak to groups of parents, pupils, staff and partners.

Meetings will last approximately 45-60 minutes with groups of no more than six to eight people. Inspectors will also observe children/ young people in a class/ classes.

The area of focus is:

1. Parental and community engagement: How well do schools engage parents and the community in the life of the school and their child's learning to improve outcomes for children and young people?
2. Pupil participation: How well do schools ensure that the views of children and young people are heard, respected and taken seriously, as is central to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child?

Thank you in advance for your contribution to this thematic inspection.