

National thematic inspection: empowerment for curriculum leadership

Briefing for participants in discussion groups

In August 2018, Janie McManus, Strategic Director Scrutiny, Education Scotland wrote to all Directors of Education with details of the thematic inspections related to aspects of empowerment set out in the Education Reform Joint Agreement, June 2018. The second of these thematic inspections will focus on **empowerment for curriculum leadership** and take place during w/c 7 January through to w/c 18 February 2019, with a report due to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills by March 2019.

Education Scotland inspectors will look at aspects of empowerment related to the Joint Agreement on the expectations within the Headteachers' Charter in the Education Bill which will require local authorities to empower headteachers in the areas of:

- **rationale and design of the curriculum;**
- **development of the curriculum;**
- **leadership of learning.**

The visit will last one day. The inspector will meet the senior leadership team and speak to groups of staff, pupils and partners. Groups will consist of no more than six to eight people. Meetings will last approximately 45 minutes.

The area of focus is:

- Curriculum: How well are headteachers and schools empowered to design their curriculum in line with Curriculum for Excellence and in collaboration with their school community?

Thank you in advance for your contribution to this review.