

Kirsty Williams AM
Cabinet Secretary for Education

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Dear Kirsty,

The Foundation Phase

As you will be aware, at its meeting on 14 March, the Committee heard evidence from Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training on his 2016/17 Annual Report.

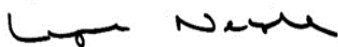
The Committee noted that the Annual Report said that, in about three-quarters of schools, headteachers do not understand the principles and pedagogy of good Foundation Phase practice.

In oral evidence, the Chief Inspector reiterated that it was disappointing that only about a quarter of primary schools are implementing the Foundation Phase fully. Estyn said this was "almost holding children back to an extent. They're making good progress, but they could be making even more progress".

The Committee would appreciate an outline of your views on the implementation of the Foundation Phase and information about any action being undertaken in this regard.

I look forward to your response regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Neagle AM
Chair

