

# Independent Review of Education

*“The Executive will establish an external, independent review of education provision, with a focus on securing greater efficiency in delivery costs, raising standards, access to the curriculum for all pupils, and the prospects of moving towards a single education system.”*

## Aim of Review

- The Review will be a fundamental review of the Northern Ireland education system with a focus on quality, equity and sustainability of the system.
- The Review is also an opportunity to agree a vision for what a high quality, innovative and inclusive education system looks like in the 21st century and how relevant partners might work together to realise that vision - making Northern Ireland a truly excellent system internationally. This vision should not be constrained by the existing structure of education.
- The Independent Review of Education is expected to provide a strategic and evidence based assessment of the effectiveness of the current education system in Northern Ireland and the positive outcomes it delivers for children and young people.

## Key Strands

The key strands of the Review are:

- **Vision** – A vision of what a high quality, innovative and inclusive education looks like in the 21st century.
- **Journey** - To focus on the journey of children and young people throughout their education and the outcomes they achieve. Improving pathways for all learners.
- **Support** – To focus on the support provided to education settings, funding levels and arrangements. Empowering, resourcing and supporting education settings to best educate our children and young people.
- **System** – To focus on how the system is currently designed, delivered and administered. Ensuring the system is sustainable, efficient and effective.

## Deliverables

Within 18 months, a report that will:

- Assess the performance of the current system.
- Identify barriers, inadequacies, gaps and structural issues impeding effectiveness.
- Provide recommendations to raise standards, improve support to schools and achieve a more effective delivery model.
- Set out a clear vision of what high quality and innovative education in Northern Ireland should look like in the 21st century.