

Stanley Goudie joined the teaching profession in 1973 as a teacher of science in Glengormley High School. In 1979, he was promoted to head of science in Parkhall High School, Antrim and, in 1983, became vice-principal of Ardnaveigh Community High School also in Antrim. In 1985, he joined the Education and Training Inspectorate (Inspectorate) as a specialist inspector of physics. Shortly after his appointment to the Inspectorate, he was transferred to Omagh in Co Tyrone, where he remained as District Inspector for schools in the Omagh area until 1996. In October of that year, he was promoted to principal inspector for science in Northern Ireland and, in the following year, left Co Tyrone to live again in Co Antrim. In October 2001, Stanley was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief Inspector with responsibility for Policy, Planning and Improvement. For the period April 2006 to May 2007, Stanley, in addition to his work within the Inspectorate, established and was head of the Improving Education Division within DE; on 1 September 2008, he was promoted to Chief Inspector of the Education and Training Inspectorate, and is based within the headquarters of the Department of Education (DE) in Bangor, Co Down. Stanley is married to Heather and has a daughter Zoë and a son Lee. He also has two grandchildren, Benjamin and Pippa.