



## **Update on the School and Nursery Improvement Plans September 2021**

*Please find below a summary of the progress made on the current School and Nursery Improvement Plans.*

*A full copy of the School and Nursery Improvement Plans can be found on the school website Calside Courier in the "Our School" section. .*

### **Priorities for School and Nursery Improvement Plans 2021-22**

#### **School and Nursery Priority 1: Stability and Recovery following the pandemic and subsequent periods of school closure**

With several new members of staff this term, we are working to ensure that all the staff are trained in key Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy interventions. The staff are working with Partnership for Children as well as D&G Youth Work to deliver our mental health programme as a priority, both to all classes and also groups/individuals as needed.

We have used the Covid recovery funding from the government to create a 9<sup>th</sup> class: this means that all the classes are much smaller in size and we can deliver focused learning and teaching. We continue to use Teams for each class and Dojo in the Nursery to share our learning with parents, as we still cannot welcome you all back into school. The P1 and P7 parental workshops were delivered remotely instead of in person also.

Several issues have arisen in the playground since the summer holidays. This is partly due to the small Covid bubbles, and that we have been unable to have the playtime clubs and zones running. We are gradually re-introducing these, in line with safety guidance. The P6 and P7 pupils have completed their Play Leader training, and now have their clubs up and running. All the children, both leaders and younger pupils, are really enjoying these! P4 & P5 are now helping us to check all the equipment that has been out of use for 18 months, and we will repair/replace as needed. This will then mean we can bring the zones back, and this will make a huge difference to playtimes.

#### **School Priority 2: Refresh of the Digital Literacy strategy after D&G Windows 10 rollout**

We still await the upgrade of Wifi and bandwidth, as well as the installation of Windows10. Staff have begun training on some of the software we know we will have after the upgrade. Once the upgrades have occurred, we will be amending the learning programmes accordingly, and we will develop help-sheets for you all at home.

#### **Nursery Priority 2: Planning for Children's Learning Experiences**

The nursery building works continue, and we are working within a vastly reduced layout. We have temporary plans in place, which will run until we can finally appreciate a fully functional nursery! The nursery staff are working with P1 staff in key literacy and numeracy approaches, as well as undertaking training in a range of interventions. When able to do so, we will work with colleagues in other nurseries to share excellent practice.

Your ongoing support as parents/carers will continue to be an essential part of our learners' progress as we all recover from the past year, and we look forward to the time when we can safely welcome you all back into school!