

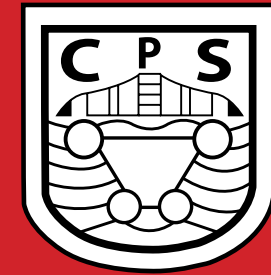
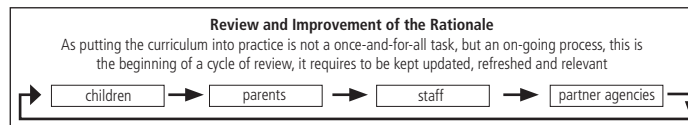


## Our Vision

We are given the opportunity to achieve our full potential and develop our skills for learning, life and work. Through learning in a caring, stimulating, enterprising and safe environment, and through working with our partners, we shall have the self-belief and motivation to prepare us for our next chapter.

## Our Aims

- To take responsibility for our own learning in health and wellbeing, literacy and numeracy
- To self-evaluate our own learning in order to celebrate our successes and find next steps
- To improve and use team work and co-operation, in school and out
- To be responsible and caring, in school and out
- To share our thinking and ideas with others



Caerlaverock Primary School

**"We are small but mighty!"**



## Context

We are a small, rural school on the outskirts of Dumfries. Glencaple sits on the banks of the River Nith, overlooked by Criffel. These natural surroundings are reflected within our school setting – the building, the playground and the learning environment.

## Learning Ethos

Our unique setting lends itself to outdoor learning and this is promoted within our school. Our children are actively involved and are encouraged to appreciate that learning takes place in a multitude of environments - from spotting local wildlife to growing our own fruit and vegetables.

Caerlaverock is a small school in which we endeavour to create an environment where everyone is living and co-operating happily with others in a family atmosphere. We promote personal and community responsibility, self discipline and reliability which help in the development of skills for learning, life and work. Personalisation and choice are promoted through children being involved in the planning process.

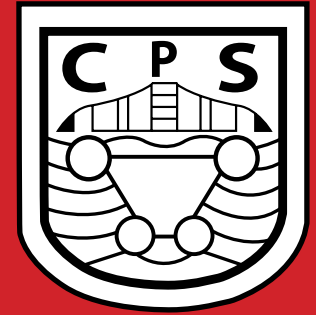
We are an enterprising school and our pupils are confident in discussing and leading their own learning. From enterprise projects to roles and responsibilities in daily class life, children are learning the skills they will need for their future success.

Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing underpin our curriculum. In addition to these permeating through other curricular areas, they also stand alone within the curriculum, as clear progression must be evident in the teaching of core skills. Interdisciplinary learning takes place within our class, ensuring children are experiencing a range of curricular areas, making relevant links across these and acknowledging prior learning.

## Partnerships

Caerlaverock Primary works in partnership with our pupils, parents, partner agencies and our wider community. Our pupil and parent councils are an integral part of our school and ensure that all views are shared and valued. Our location lends itself to working alongside a diverse range of partners from Caerlaverock Community Association, National Nature Reserve, Wetlands Trust, Caerlaverock Castle, local farms and businesses to our local police, partner health care providers and social and education services. We also have strong links with Dumfries High School which help to provide rich learning experiences as well as aiding the transition from primary to secondary for our pupils. We are partnered with Brownhall Primary School thus promoting a positive climate for collaborative learning and teaching.

## Our Partnership Mission Statement



We are aware that it is important to see our school as one piece in the jigsaw that makes up the wider community. There is a huge range of people involved in the day to day life of our school, and only when we work in partnership can our school be fully effective.