



# Information, Communication and Technology Policy



Eaglesham Primary School and Nursery Class recognises the importance of digital technologies in the development of the whole child.

## **Rationale**

*'Being skilled in using ICT is essential if children and young people are to be effective contributors able to communicate and interact on a global scale. Across the curriculum, skills in ICT will be developed in the context of the learning and teaching as appropriate to the child or young person's maturity. All teachers, in all sectors, in all departments and in all settings, have opportunities to apply, reinforce and extend ICT skills within and across curriculum areas to equip children and young people with the learning and employability skills required for the 21st century.'*

*Several curriculum areas including the technologies provide opportunities for children and young people to consider security aspects associated with ICT, for example keeping personal data secure, and the important consequences of these for individuals. It is important for children and young people to recognise security risks when handling information across the curriculum, and act accordingly.'*

(Learning & Teaching Scotland 2009)

The use of digital technology to support the education programme in Eaglesham Primary and Nursery Class will contribute significantly to the raising of educational standards and to the preparation of learners for taking their place in a society based on lifelong learning.

As digital technology in general is part of everyday life we need to ensure that all pupils acquire a knowledge and understanding, combined with the ability to use various forms of digital technology throughout the curriculum.

It is envisaged that this programme will foster positive attitudes towards digital technology and will develop children's confidence to enable them to apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of situations relevant to everyday life.

At Eaglesham Primary School and Nursery Class, digital Technology is seen as an integral part of the curriculum.

## **Aims**

At Eaglesham Primary School and Nursery Class we aim for pupils to:

- be comfortable and confident in the use of digital technology.
- work on a coherent and progressive programme of study in digital technology.
- achieve across the curriculum with the support of digital technologies.
- perceive digital technology as a useful tool with specific purposes that enhance their learning.

## **Outcomes**

### **Time Allocation**

All classes have dedicated timetabled access to the computer suite and full access to networked systems in the classroom. The computers and laptops, and any programmable machines or devices are available to be used throughout each day as part of daily learning experiences.

### **Learning and Teaching Approaches**

To ensure that digital technology learning and teaching is effective at Eaglesham Primary and Nursery Class it is essential that our approaches reflect the learning and