



Curriculum for Excellence (CfE)

'Levels' and assessment

Giffnock Primary: Parent Information

What is CfE?

The 'Curriculum for Excellence' is Scotland's national curriculum.

What are the 'Levels' in CfE?

Typically: Early Level learning happens in Nursery to P1;
First Level in P2 to P4;
Second Level in P5 to P7;
Third Level in S1 to S2.

Do all children meet these CfE levels at the same time?

Not always. As children learn at different paces and in differing ways, some children may meet these CfE Levels earlier or later than their peers.

What do the numbers and letters mean?

Children are assessed to be working at a Level, and then also a stage within that Level. A child may be assessed, for example, as 'EM', '1W', or '2A'. The 'E' or '1' or '2' in the examples represent the Level that the child has completed. The following 'A' indicates that the child has 'Achieved' a sound understanding of almost all of the key aspects at that Level. However, the 'M' or 'W' in the examples above represents the stage of the next Level (or how far through that next Level) the child is. 'M' is Making Progress when the child has begun to learn about some of the next Level (so EM means Early Level is completed and Making Progress in First Level); 'W' is Progressing Well when the child has understanding of many of the key aspects of that Level (so 1W means First Level is completed and Progressing Well in Second Level).

More information

Education Scotland (the national body which leads education) has more information here:
<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/curriculum-in-scotland>