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| **Education Directorate Improvement Plan:** Equality & Equity/Achievement/Health & Wellbeing/Positive Destinations/Attendance & Engagement |
| **Focused Priority:** Meet children’s development needs through carefully considered interactions, spaces and experiences:* Develop outdoor area of the nursery to ensure progressive learning experiences, centred on the needs and interests of children
* Ensure language, literacy and numeracy are enhanced through play learning experiences outdoors
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| **HGIOS4 Quality Indicators:** | **Quality Framework:****High Quality Spaces; Play & learning; Learning, teaching and assessment** |
| **Expected Impact** | **Strategic Actions Planned** | **Responsibilities** | **Measure of success** *(Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)* | **Timescales** |
| Effective use of the outdoor environment leads to enhanced learning experiences and outcomes for children, centred on their needs and interestAll children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of challenging, progressive and creative outdoor learning experiences and spacesChildren have access to high quality learning in all curriculum areas outdoorsStaff are able to skilfully observe, support and extend learning in meaningful and responsive ways | Audit current experiences, spaces, interactions, knowledge and understanding of outdoor learning. Gather baseline data from families, staff and children about current confidence, capacity and next steps for outdoor play (repeated May 26)Professional learning and dialogue about scaffolding child-led play, outdoor play pedagogy and risk benefit. Regular huddles and self-evaluation sessions to share practice and review outcomes/impact of approach to ensure consistency with self-reflection and evaluation.Nursery team to engage regularly with all stakeholders in reviewing outdoor learning so that everyone understands what the nursery is trying to achieve.Redesign garden layout to create defined, engaging play zones (eg loose parts play/construction, expressive arts, storytelling, planting, water play, mud kitchen)Involve children in planning and caring for the garden (eg risk assessment, planting and watering)Embed inquiry-based play outdoors (eg problem-solving challenges, nature investigations, creativityt)Introduce a wider range of open-ended materials to support meaningful early maths and literacy play (eg pebbles, chalk, clipboards, signs, counting sticks)Peer observation visits to other settings | EYOsSLTHT, NTEYOsHTNursery TeamHT, NT, EYOsEYOsNT, EYOsNT, EYOsEYOs | **Data*** Planning & Tracking Meetings
* NIP Floorbook
* Baseline audit of outdoor provision (June 25, repeated Dec 25 and March 26)
* Staff Baseline Questionnaire about current confidence, capacity and next steps for outdoor play (repeated May 26)
* Family Baseline Questionnaire about current views on outdoor garden area, learning through play and next steps (repeated May 26)
* Self-evaluations using Quality Framework

**Views*** Children’s views about garden area and playing outdoors (baseline June 25, repeated May 26)
* Children’s voice in planning (PLJs and Learning Walls)
* Family NIP priority questionnaire
* Staff NIP priority questionnaire

**Observations & Monitoring*** Learning Partnership visits
* SLT visits to nursery as outlined in Quality Assurance calendar
* Nursery teacher observations
* PLJs
* Planning (Daily responsive and intentional)
 | June 25From Aug 25At least termly updatesAugust-September 25Term 1Term 2Term 1Term 2, 3 |
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| **Ongoing Evaluation**See Floorbook for evaluations and evidence from all staff, children, and families. |

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| **Education Directorate Improvement Plan:** Equality & Equity/Achievement/Health & Wellbeing/Positive Destinations/Attendance & Engagement |
| **Focused Priority:** * To create a strong, shared vision and set of nursery values that reflect the voice of children, families and staff
* Strengthen agency, ownership and leadership at all levels
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| **HGIOS4 Quality Indicators:** | **Quality Framework:****Leadership and management of staff and resources: Vision, Values and Aims** |
| **Expected Impact** | **Strategic Actions Planned** | **Responsibilities** | **Measure of success** *(Triangulation of Evidence/QI Methodology)* | **Timescales** |
| A clearly co-created vision and values are visible and embedded across the nurseryChildren demonstrate increased confidence in expressing ideas, leading routines and contributing to planningStaff show agency in leading areas of improvement and reflective practice, leading to improved outcomes for childrenPlanning, spaces, experiences and interactions reflect core values and child voice | Gather family, child, staff feedback about hopes/aspirations for children during their nursery years, and skills and qualities want to develop in nurseryCreate vision statement (make sure it is child-friendly, accessible and visible in nursery)Vision displayed in a visual, accessible way and shared with children and familiesDisplay and regularly revisit vision and values with visual, accessible formats for all childrenCreate regular opportunities for children to express views, make decisions and lead learning (eg child planning, daily helpers, floorbooks) | Nursery TeamNursery TeamEYOsNT, EYOsEYOs | **Data*** Family, child, staff feedback about hopes/aspirations for children during their nursery years, and skills and qualities want to develop in nursery
* Planning & Tracking Meetings
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* Floorbooks
* Planning sheets
* Values
* Vision statement
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