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Curriculum for Excellence

The four capacities

The purpose of the curriculum is encapsulated in the four capacities - to enable each child or young person to be a successful learner, a confident individual, a responsible citizen and an effective contributor.

The curriculum aims to ensure that all children and young people in Scotland develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they will need if they are to flourish in life, learning and work, now and in the future. The attributes and capabilities of the four capacities are outlined below:

Successful learners with (attributes)

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- determination to reach high standards of achievement
- openness to new thinking and ideas

and able to (capabilities)

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- use technology for learning
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Responsible citizens with (attributes)

- respect for others
- commitment to participate responsibly in political, economic, social and cultural life

and able to (capabilities)

- develop knowledge and understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it
- understand different beliefs and cultures
- make informed choices and decisions
- evaluate environmental, scientific and technological issues
- develop informed, ethical views of complex issues

Effective contributors with (attributes)

- an enterprising attitude
- resilience
- self-reliance

and able to (capabilities)

- communicate in different ways and different settings
- work in partnership and in teams
- take the initiative and lead
- apply critical thinking in new concepts
- create and develop
- solve problems

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