

Blackwood Primary and ELC School Improvement on a Page 2026/27

Literacy and Numeracy

Providing a rich and stimulating curriculum that helps raise standards in literacy and numeracy.

- To continue to develop our reading culture within Blackwood Primary and to continue to develop the effective teaching of reading **including phonological awareness and readiness to read at the early level**. This is Peer, School, Review focus for Blackwood Year 3 of 3.
- Continue to develop our reading profile to maintain Reading School - Gold Status and refresh our school library.
- To develop and review Numeracy and Mathematics pedagogy within a whole school and **ELC** context building on the VCPA initiative from 25/26.

At Blackwood Primary and ELC we will focus on several improvements to support all our learners taking account of National and SLC priorities.

Health and Wellbeing and Sustainability

Improve health and wellbeing for children and families enabling them to flourish.

- Establish small group interventions to support learners including Nurture
- Continue to raise awareness of legislative children's rights through UNCRC across the curriculum
- Continue to develop transitions within our establishment and across the Lesmahagow Learning Community
- Focus on sustainability and make clear links with the sustainable goals
- Maintain the frequency of outdoor learning opportunities including physical education and Forest Schools using Blackwood Estate and the **Wildlife Garden**

Developing the Young Workforce

Supporting children and young people to develop their skills for learning, life and work

- In partnership with VIRGIN money develop a whole school and **ELC** approach to enterprise. - November
- Using SLC Key Skills, help learners lead their own learning, set targets for improvement. Celebrate a World of Work Week in Term 4

Equity

Ensuring inclusion, equality and equity are at the heart of all we do.

- In partnership with LLC, a focus on inclusive learning environment using the CIRCLE and **Up and Away**
- Focus and targeted work with families to increase attendance
- Plan 1:1 interventions to reduce or remove the poverty related attainment and achievement gap
- Review and develop our own Cost of the Schol Policy reflecting current guidance