



BALJAFFRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE



READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

When a school has a rationale for its curriculum, it means that everyone involved with the school can answer the questions 'What is it we want for these children?' and 'What are we going to do to achieve it?' Education Scotland

Our Curriculum Rationale has been developed to outline our vision, values and aims for the future of our school. We want our children to develop across the four capacities and all aspects of the wellbeing wheel to become **successful learners**, **confident individuals**, **effective contributors** and **responsible citizens**.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN!



Our Curriculum Rationale is built around the four contexts for learning from the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence; all curricular and subject areas - with a key focus on literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing - inter-disciplinary learning, opportunities for personal achievement and the ethos and life of the school. These overarching areas shape the essence of our curriculum and work in unison with our school motto, 'Be the best you can!', to enhance and enrich the learning opportunities for our learners.

Our refreshed core values – effort, respect, kindness, honesty and resilience, alongside our vision and aims for the future, have been created in consultation with the full school community and guide our journey.



OUR KEY DRIVERS

To promote our shared vision and values and establish a culture where members of our school community at all levels are empowered to do 'the right thing, not the easy thing'.

AIMS

To promote positive attitudes in our school community with an emphasis on respect for oneself, others and the environment, resilience, compassion and kindness, enabling learners to become good citizens in their own community and in a national and global context.

To provide a nurturing environment inside and outside where learners are able to 'be the best they can' in their learning whilst developing their social skills so they grow into respectful and responsible citizens, ready for life and work.



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Our key drivers are underpinned by our desire to secure 'Excellence and Equity' for all those at Baljaffray Primary School and Early Years Centre. It is our goal to motivate and inspire all learners to be the best they can, to aim high and be supported in their learning journey to continually improve and develop; raising attainment and achievement for all. We aspire to work in genuine partnership with families and carers, our school & cluster colleagues and local community as well as wider partners; using a collaborative and collegiate approach to drive improvement. At the heart of our school community are our learners and families and carers. Leadership opportunities are encouraged and developed for both learners and staff. We have high expectations and aspirations for all; every child is encouraged to succeed.

OUR UNIQUE QUALITIES



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We have many unique qualities at Baljaffray, most significantly, our local community. We make the best use of our outdoor spaces including our local park, Kilmardinny Loch, Bearsden Ski and Board Club, Windyhill Golf Club and wider community. Our school is extremely well supported by a very active Parent Teacher Association and Parent Council. Having our Early Years Centre on site allows for excellent transition and the ability to provide a smooth, progressive early level curriculum. We work closely with our secondary colleagues at Bearsden Academy and are able to provide bespoke, tailored transition opportunities in addition to the robust, core transition programme. Our skilled and experienced staff team work together, inspiring and supporting one another through collegiate and collaborative working, developing their own skills and ensuring lifelong learning that will impact positively on learning and teaching. Wider achievement opportunities are promoted at all stages to support children to develop their own unique talents and abilities. We have embedded a positive, nurturing ethos and a 'Rights Respecting' approach; we are fully committed to working together to ensure everyone is challenged and supported to 'be the best they can'.