

Botriphnie Primary School Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our school in Drummuir, where we believe that positive partnerships, based on open, friendly relationships between parents and staff is very important in children's education.



The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with helpful information about our school.

If having read the handbook you are still unsure of something, or if you wish to make a comment, please feel free to contact the head teacher or administrator. The document is constantly updated and your point may be very relevant for inclusion in the future.

Botriphnie Primary School is non-denominational and has been in existence since 1875. The school was upgraded in 2000 and all accommodation is contained within the original Victorian building. The school has large, attractive teaching areas and is resourced to a high standard, especially in ICT.

The school shares a Head Teacher with Newmill Primary School and is a one-teacher school with children from P1-7.

SCHOOL PARTICULARS

Name of school Botriphnie Primary School Address Drummuir, Keith, AB55 5JF

Telephone number 01542 810207

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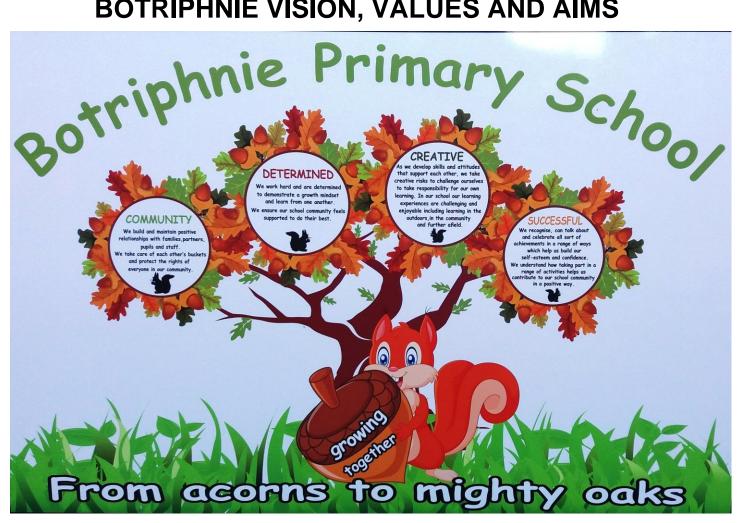
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Present School Roll 19 Stages taught P1 -7

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BOTRIPHNIE VISION, VALUES AND AIMS



Botriphnie Primary School growing together 'from acorns to mighty oaks' to be...

a **COMMUNITY**- We build and maintain positive relationships with families, partners, pupils and staff. We take care of each other's buckets and protect the rights of everyone in our community.

DETERMINED- We work hard and are determined to demonstrate a growth mindset and learn from one another. We ensure our school community feels supported to do their

CREATIVE- As we develop skills and attitudes that support each other, we take creative risks to challenge ourselves to take responsibility for our own learning. In our school, our learning experiences are challenging and enjoyable, including learning in the outdoors, in the community and further afield.

SUCCESSFUL- We recognise, can talk about and celebrate all sorts of achievements in a range of ways which help us build our self-esteem and confidence. We understand how taking part in a range of activities helps us contribute in a positive way to our school community.

In 2018 Botriphnie Primary School revisited our vision, values and aims, with our children at the centre of this process. Our vision and values are at the heart of our curriculum design and through effective leadership at all levels, our school community works together to turn the shared vision into a sustainable reality.

EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Education, Communities & Organisational Development is a single, integrated department which brings together Education; Social Work support for Children and Families; Community Care services for adults; and Lifelong Learning, Culture and Sports.

Our Aims-

- Ensuring people's outcomes remain at the heart of what we do, ensuring effective partnership working
- Supporting, enabling and encouraging people, their families and local communities to achieve what is important to them
- Actively promoting early intervention
- Delivering accessible, consistent, equitable and high quality services
- Using our resources effectively and targeting our capacity appropriately and efficiently
- Engaging and involving through effective communication with everyone we work with
- Promoting equality
- Sharing and using our information openly and fully
- Creating a culture of self-evaluation and continuous improvement

Moray Council has produced a "Notes for Parents and Carers" booklet, which is designed to provide basic information about the education system in Moray and also to detail specific areas of government legislation which may relate to your child's experience at school. This booklet is available from the school, from Education, Communities & Organisational Development, or the Moray Council website www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_47236.html

This booklet is also available in other languages.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL

If your child has an accident at school, it may be necessary to take him/her to the doctor or hospital. In such cases, every effort will be made to contact you. Accident report sheets will be sent home if appropriate. A phone call home will also be made in the event of a head bump or injury.

ALLERGIES

When enrolling a child in school, it is important that any allergies they have, are brought to the attention of the head teacher or administrator. In addition, if a child develops an allergy once they have started school, the school should be informed. If your child suffers from a severe nut allergy, school meals may not be provided. If the nut allergy is mild to moderate then you will be asked to sign a school meal consent form.

ASSEMBLIES, RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE AND CHURCH VISITS

There are regular whole school assemblies. On occasion, the whole school visits the one of the churches in Keith. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from religious observance and education, after discussion with the head teacher.

BOOKCLUB

Children have the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Club. There is no obligation but the school does receive commission and this allows books to be bought for the school library.

CHARITIES

Children and staff at Botriphnie engage in a variety of fund raising events throughout the year and are very successful for such a small school.

ECO SCHOOLS AND READING SCHOOLS

Children and staff are encouraged to think green. We have earned our bronze award. The children care for their environment and have opportunities to be active citizens in their community. We planted trees in the community woodland area as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative. Our planters are planted up throughout the seasons. There is a clothing bank, which provides a regular income.

We have earned Reading Schools Silver Status, an amazing achievement. We must say a huge thank you to everyone for their contribution. Our World Book Day celebrations provided the missing jigsaw piece in terms of the evidence required to showcase how we promote a culture of reading at our school. We recently set up a community lending library - as we aim for Gold status.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

There may be situations when we need to contact you, so the school will request an address or phone number where a friend or relation can be contacted should you be unavailable at the time. It is important to keep the school informed of any change in emergency contact.

FIRE DRILL

Staff and pupils are familiar with fire drill procedures and practices are held at regular intervals.

FORMATION OF CLASSES

The children are taught in one composite class P1 - 7 in one classroom. Small groups are withdrawn to work in the 'Adventure Room' with support staff. Within the class, children work with children of a similar ability and all benefit from the small teacher pupil ratio.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

There is a programme for health care within the schools in Moray and throughout your child's primary schooling; they will be given a health check and screen.

In the event of any health problems, the school can call upon the services of the **Health Visitor** or the **School Nurse**.

The **School Dentist** visits the school annually to carry out dental inspections and offer treatment. You are of course free to consult your own dentist privately.

The services of a **Speech Therapist** are available to the school and you or the head teacher may request such help if it is felt your child has a speech problem.

HOMEWORK

All pupils will receive homework appropriate to their stage and needs. Your support with this is appreciated. The focus of home learning tasks will generally be spelling, reading and numeracy.

Homework should never be more than they can cope with. If your child struggles with the work and becomes distressed leave it and pop a note in the homework or reflection jotter.

Our blog is full of resources and videos to support home learning.

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/botriphnieprimaryschool/latest-news/support/

INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS

Very occasionally, we have head lice in the school. Should this happen, please inform the school and keep your child at home until treatment has been carried out.

Children with sickness and diarrhoea should be clear of this for 48 hours before returning to the school.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

If your child is musical and wishes to play an instrument there may be an opportunity for them to do so. This is usually available from P4 upwards. At present children in P5 receive a year's tuition in recorder from Mr Friday, on a weekly basis, and those who wish to carry on form a P6/7 senior group.

LOST PROPERTY

It is a great help if you label or name items of clothing and footwear.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOLS

A copy of the "Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs in Schools including the Administration of Medicines" guidance document is available at the school.

Please request a form if you wish your child to carry medicine in school or if you require a member of staff to administer it.

In line with policy agreed by the Senior Clinical Medical Officer, schools will only administer medicines with the written approval of a medical practitioner/pharmacist. Painkillers such as aspirin and paracetamol will therefore not be administered on pupil request.

PARENTAL CONCERNS

There may be occasions when you are concerned about your child's welfare. If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the head teacher who will work with you, to ensure your child is happy and confident in their learning at Botriphnie Primary School.

PLAYGROUND INFORMATION

The children have plenty of games to keep them active in the playground and occasionally the village play park. They are well supervised by our Playground Supervisor, Mrs Emmy McWilliam. The children play well together.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR/SANCTIONS

The philosophy at Botriphnie is one of positive behaviour. Pupils are credited and praised for their effort and attitude and they respond well to this. However if a child does ignore our school values then the following steps will be taken.

- ➤ A discussion to see if the child himself/herself is aware of the concern and why it is important that this will not happen again.
- > Time to think and reflect
- Restorative Conversation-involving all parties
- Contact with parents usually via phone and an invitation to discuss ways in which we can work together to support wellbeing.
- In extreme cases the pupil would be excluded in accordance with Moray's policy.
- ➤ Any incidents involving violence, dangerous weapons, drugs or alcohol are reported immediately to Education, Communities & Organisational Development, and the Police may also be involved.

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PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

If there are sufficient numbers an under-fives group meets in the Village Hall. Please contact the school for more information.

PUPIL USE OF EMAIL AND THE INTERNET

Moray school networks are provided for pupils to do school-related work, including research and communication with others. For internet access, parental permission is required. This is asked for on the enrolment forms and annual update form.

Some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive. Our computer network has a sophisticated Internet filtering system called Smoothwall. Smoothwall can also provide reports of the sites accessed by individuals.

Whilst our aim for Internet use is to further educational goals and objectives, pupils may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to pupils from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Parents/Carers of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. During school, teachers will guide pupils toward appropriate materials. However, not all Internet access is supervised, and filtering systems do not offer 100% protection, accordingly there is the need for an element of personal responsibility.



RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Pupils, staff, parents and partners of the school community are involved in developing school buildings and grounds to improve learning experiences for children and support learner, staff and community wellbeing. We celebrate achievements during assemblies, via newsletters and award certificates. Children also have opportunities to celebrate wider achievements. We celebrate and display successes within school.



SCHOOL BUS AND TRANSPORT ENTITLEMENT

The school bus arrives at about 08.35. The bus leaves at 3pm. Mrs Lawrence will supervise in the playground from 8.35 am.

It is very important that the children who travel by bus behave on the bus. The bus driver is in charge and the head teacher frequently checks with the driver to ensure that the children are responsible.

All primary children who live more than two miles from their school are entitled to free transport if they attend their local school. Door-to-door transport is not guaranteed. In certain instances, children may be required to walk up to 2 miles as appropriate.

Seats may be available on the school bus for pupils who live less than two miles from the school or live out of the school zone. There is a charge for this service – please contact the school for more information.

SCHOOL ENTRANCES

All children should enter by the small school gate. The bus stops just by the gate. The route into the playground is separated from the car park by a fence to ensure the children's safety. The car park door is open in the mornings but is locked once the children are inside. Latecomers should come to the main entrance and ring the bell. Visitors should report to the main entrance, which is further along the pavement and signposted.

SCHOOL HOURS

P1-7 08.50-12.15 13.10-15.00

Morning Interval 10.30-10.45

SCHOOL MEALS & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All schools in Moray provide a wide range of healthy food in their menus. There are choices each day, one of which is a vegetarian meal. School meals are brought up from Keith Primary School canteen. A four-week menu of choices is made available to parents and each day the choices are sent into the kitchen at Keith Primary School.

Meals can be paid for online via the Council's Ipay system, where you can also keep track of what your child is ordering for their lunch.

Packed lunches may be your preference and provision is made for these to be eaten in the canteen where the pupils are always supervised.

From January 2022 all children in P1- P5 have received free school meals under a Scottish Government scheme. You can also claim free school meals for older children if you are receiving certain benefits - please ask for details from our administrator, Mrs Stewart.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & CLOTHING GRANTS

The school has a jade coloured sweatshirt or cardigan with the school acorn logo embroidered on it and this can be worn with suitable trousers or skirts. Items can be ordered through Ipay. A PE kit will also be required for PE days. It is a good idea to have some form of protective clothing for art lessons. An overall or old shirt or T-shirt will do.

SCHOOL ZONE

The school is designated by the authority as the one to serve the children living within the village of Drummuir and the surrounding area.

Please see the zone map in appendices.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Snow can be a problem in the winter and also flooding in recent years. In bad weather the bus company usually makes the decision not to send the buses out and informs the head teacher. If the school is to be closed the head teacher will post the information onto The Moray Council website. A message will also be left on the school information line. (Phone number 0870 054 9999, Pin number 031130). Calls to this number will be charged - a 2p per minute service charge plus your call provider's access charge. Even if the school is open, parents of children who live off the main roads make a decision around whether attendance is safe. Please contact the school if you do decide to keep your child at home.

Deteriorating weather conditions may result in children being sent home early. If this is the case you will be contacted to ensure that your child is met. If a bus is stranded your child should remain on the bus until accompanied home by an adult.

<u>Email Alerts Message</u> This will only be received by those who have registered at mygovscot https://online.moray.gov.uk/site/wss/home and chosen Botriphnie Primary School as services about which they wish to receive alerts.

SNACKS

The school is a Health Promoting School. Please think carefully about what you give your child for a snack. The children are regularly involved in learning about which foods are healthy and any support you can give in encouraging children to eat healthily is always appreciated.

STAFFING

Miss Rachael Smith Head Teacher

Mrs Moira Milne Principal Teacher P1-7

Ms Marian Stuart Support for Learning Teacher

Mrs Elaine Henderson Physical Education
Mr Edward Friday Recorder Instructor

Mrs Mary Stewart Primary School Administrator

Mrs Gail Lawrence Classroom Assistant / Pupil Support Assistant

Mrs Lucy McGregor Pupil Support Assistant

Mrs Emmy McWilliam Playground/Lunchtime Supervisor, Pupil Support

Assistant

Miss Nicola Smith Canteen assistant

Mrs Tracev Smith Cleaner

Mr Allan Gilbert Janitorial Services

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

ASSESSMENT IS FOR LEARNING

Assessment is for learning is used in all schools in Moray, and at Botriphnie. As a staff we believe that formative assessment makes a difference and children have a clear understanding of what they need to do in order to improve and make progress.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE LEVELS

There are three levels within the primary school. They are Early, First and Second. There is no fixed age or stage for completing the levels but they are roughly Early-P1, First P2-P4 and Second P5-P7. Some children coming into P1 may already be working within aspects of first level, likewise some P7 children may have moved onto third level. Children should be secure within the levels and opportunities are provided for deeper learning within the levels.

SNSA TESTING

In August 2017 Scottish Government introduced the SNSA, a single, nationally developed set of standardised assessments for aspects of literacy and numeracy, designed to align with the way we deliver education in Scotland through Curriculum for Excellence.

How many assessments do children and young people take in a school session?

- P1 children take two SNSA assessments: one in literacy and one in numeracy.
- P4 children take three SNSA assessments: one in reading, one in writing and one in numeracy.
- P7 children take three SNSA assessments: one in reading, one in writing and one in numeracy.
- S3 young people take three SNSA assessments: one in reading, one in writing and one in numeracy.

What does this mean for your child?

Children do not have to revise or prepare for assessments. The assessments are used as part of routine teaching and learning to help teachers understand how well your child is progressing and to plan next steps.

The assessments are adaptive, which means that if a child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a child is doing well, the questions will become more challenging. In this way, the assessments establish children's capacity without them having to face questions that are too easy or too hard for them to answer. There is no pass or fail.

The assessments are as short as possible and are age and stage appropriate. There is no time limit. This is to ensure children do not feel unnecessary time pressure when undertaking the assessments. The majority of P1 learners will complete each assessment in less than 30 minutes, while on average P4/P7/S3 learners complete within 40 minutes. Your child will not take assessments covering reading, writing, and numeracy in one sitting.

PUPIL PROFILES

All children have 'Pathway Folders'. Children work together with their teachers to gather evidence about their progress in learning across the curriculum and identify next steps. The children take ownership of their profiles and the information contained in them shows strengths, and areas the children would like to improve. They also highlight successes, achievements, both in and out of school, and areas of responsibility.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Reporting on pupil progress is very important to us and the introduction of reflection jotters supports our agenda for school improvement. Reflection jotters will keep you informed about your child's progress throughout the year and will be shared on a weekly basis.

In our school development plan this session, we identified that we want our children to:

- develop as lifelong learners through frequent opportunities to assess their own progress, make adjustments to their understanding and take control of their learning.
- become clearer in their knowledge and understanding of how they are progressing, developing and achieving.
- Identify targets and achievements and be able to tell the story of their learning journey.

We will send them home with children on a Friday and would ask that you make sure they come back into school in bags on a Monday morning. It is important to take time to sit with your child and talk about the learning story the jotter tells. Your feedback is the most important to them, so please take time to write a comment. We are all thinking carefully about our feedback to help children develop a growth mind-set and realise that they can improve through effort and acting on feedback.

You may want to include:

- What you are proud of, how you can support them with things they find tricky.
- Learning they have shared at home(French words, songs, science experiments, music, etc. anything that interests them)
- Areas of personal achievement (swimming lessons, sport clubs, reading for enjoyment at home, helping around the house, or perhaps even the way your child organises himself/herself and their belongings... skills for life)

Children and staff will work together to capture the main points to describe progress made and next steps.

Ongoing reporting arrangements include a variety of events such as:

- Settling in Interviews
- Snapshot Jotters
- Pupil Led Conferences
- Continues reporting via reflection jotters.

TRACKING

Botriphnie Primary School to use a Progress and Achievement on Seemis to track Curriculum for Excellence levels with the Broad General Education. We have tracking points in November, January and May.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At Botriphnie Primary School we place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of our ethos and curriculum.

At Botriphnie Primary we look to nurture in our children a growth mindset, supporting them to develop positive attitudes to work, achievement, self-esteem and the wider world. We want to ensure that our pupils have an understanding of themselves as learners, with the ability to reflect on their learning and the



wider significance of the knowledge and skills they are acquiring. We aspire to develop a school community which relates to, respects, and is actively engaged with the immediate environment, the wider community and the world beyond. We want to develop in our learners that lifelong passion for learning, as we equip our children with the values, knowledge, attitudes, capabilities and skills for life and work in our globalised 21st century.



We embed health and wellbeing using wellbeing indicators as our way of being. Children have the language to express how they are feeling and feel safe and supported to do so. Each class has a wall display as a visual reminder to refer to and discuss health and wellbeing education using the eight wellbeing indicators. We enjoy a culture and ethos of bucket filling ensures children's happiness and work hard to ensure our children feel and know they belong and are valued at school. We develop a growth mindset in Botriphnie

Primary School through our use of praise and encouragement; mistakes are used as a learning opportunity.

Parents are keen to support our 'bucket filling' ethos and report that children benefit from the 'family feel' the school provides. Relationships between staff and pupils are supportive and nurturing. All families are working together with the Parent Council to extend this by providing opportunities to spend time together out with the school day, for example through organising Halloween and Christmas Parties.

BULLYING

The school has the following written statement on bullying which forms part of our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy:

We believe that children learn best when they feel happy and secure and that they have the right to feel safe and secure both in school and on their way to and from school. Bullying can be defined as the unjustified, prolonged display of aggressive physical, verbal, emotional/psychological, prejudice-based or cyber behaviour on the part of one individual or group toward another.

"Bullying is both behaviour and impact. The impact is on a person's capacity to feel in control of themselves... Bullying takes place in the context of relationships; it is behaviour that can make people feel hurt, threatened, frightened and left out. This behaviour happens face to face and online." – Respect for All, 2017

Procedures

- Victims of bullying, onlookers or parents should report incidents to a member of staff. This can be done in complete confidence.
- All reports of bullying will be investigated in line with Botriphnie Primary School's Bullying policy.

RESTORATIVE APPROACHES

- A restorative school is one which takes a restorative approach to resolving conflict and preventing harm.
- Restorative approaches enable those who have been harmed/hurt to convey the impact of the harm/hurt to those responsible, and for those responsible to acknowledge this impact and take steps to put it right.
- When there is conflict or there are problems in school between children or between children and adults, a restorative approach has been shown to be more effective than simply giving a punishment. Research shows that restorative approaches help schools create peaceful learning environments for children to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.
- Children who have shown inappropriate behaviour or who have fallen out with someone will be encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and to think how they can improve their behaviour in the future.

This allows the school to:

- help children who have been upset by ensuring all involved have the opportunity to put right the upset they have caused.
- help children showing inappropriate behaviour to reflect, make amends and take responsibility for the way they have behaved.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

ATTENDANCE

Pupils taking time off school to accompany their parents on holiday is not a legal right in Scotland. Unless there are exceptional circumstances e.g. family illness, then holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised. In all cases, parents must <u>request the permission</u> of the head teacher to remove a child from school during term time to go on holiday.

What you must do if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or appointments.

- 1. If your child is not able to attend school, you should contact the school by 8.50am, preferably by telephone (01542 810207) and advise us of the reason for the absence and the likely date of return to school. You may of course send another member of the family to school with a note giving details of the absence.
- 2. We will check the attendance register daily at the beginning of the morning and afternoon sessions.
- 3. If your child is found to be absent and we have not been advised by you of their absence, then we will contact you by telephone to alert you of this.
- 4. If we cannot immediately make contact with you then we will contact the person you have named as your family emergency contact.
- 5. Lateness will also be recorded in the register.
- 6. Absences can also be advised by using the Parent Portal.

HELPERS IN SCHOOL

Parents and visitors are always welcome in school. All volunteers must hold a Disclosure Scotland PVG certificate. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer and we will direct you to the Disclosure Scotland online form.

LIAISON WITH PARENTS

Staff are always willing to meet and discuss any worries you may have regarding your child's education and happiness at school.

If you have serious concerns about your child you should contact the school straight away. If the concern is less urgent please contact the school before 08.50 or after 15.00. In the event of an emergency please contact the school immediately.

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PARENT COUNCIL

All parents are members of the Parent Forum.

The Parent Council supports the school well in fundraising and providing social events such as Beetle Drives and Coffee Mornings.

Office Bearers: Chair – Melissa Irvine, Secretary – Karlyn Wilson and Ros Harris, Treasurer – Sammy Stewart.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The monthly Botriphnie Blether keeps parents and friends of the school up to date with school activities. It is available on the school website:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/botriphnieprimaryschool/

WET AND WINTRY WEATHER

On cold days children should come to school with a cosy winter jacket and hats, gloves and scarves. Wellington boots and warm socks are highly recommended at Botriphnie School as we experience some pretty awful weather even in the summer! Many children also have to walk up muddy farm roads so it is a very practical form of footwear. In wet and wintry weather children should have some dry socks with them and dry footwear to change into.

TRANSITION

ASSOCIATED SCHOOL GROUP (ASG)

Botriphnie Primary is a feeder school of Keith Grammar School along with Keith, Newmill, Rothiemay and St Thomas.

This group is made up of the head teachers from each school who meet regularly in order to liaise and work together to implement our national Curriculum for Excellence. It also creates a better understanding of the work done in primary and secondary and provides a platform for discussion on current educational matters.

ENROLMENT AND INDUCTION - Information for new enrolments

Children who will be five years old by the last day of February may be enrolled for the following August intake. Parents of children who are not five until after the August intake date may defer entry until the following year. Parents should visit the Moray Council website where they will find information on how to complete an on-line enrolment. Their new teacher will visit the new entrants in their nursery school and in June the children will visit us at Botriphnie Primary School.

All staff are able to contribute when planning learning experiences to engage and motivate learners.

P1 Induction-We will make contact with parents to organise transition arrangements for the Summer Term. Transition from pre-school usually involves teachers from Botriphnie visiting children in their pre-school setting before arranging visits to Botriphnie.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

The zoned secondary school for Botriphnie pupils is Keith Grammar School. Transition has looked very different over the past couple of years with a move towards virtual transition. You can of course choose to put your children to an out of zone secondary school.

Children and parents are actively engaged in transition arrangements. As a result of parental feedback via Parent Council Meeting, we have improved processes to involve parents, children and partners to ensure effective transitions for all learners. Botriphnie Primary School is working with 'The Loft Youth Project' to ensure social and emotional needs are addressed. As a result, P7 children have the opportunity to attend small school ASG sessions on a fortnightly basis in Keith. Children have had the opportunity to share concerns and discuss transition to Keith Grammar at these sessions.

Children who have been identified as being anxious about the transition to S1 are given an extended induction.

The head teacher of Keith Grammar School is Mr Alan Bruce Any questions regarding pupil transfer to KGS should be made to -Mr Alan Bruce-**Telephone number: 01542 882461**

When children leave Botriphnie Primary their school records will be passed on to their new primary or secondary school once they have enrolled.

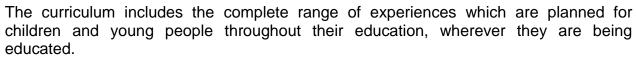
Should you wish your child to attend a secondary school, other than the one they are zoned for, you should complete a placing request form.

CURRICULUM

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum has a clear vision and rationale shaped by the shared vision of the school and its community.

Curriculum for Excellence aims to achieve a transformation in education in Scotland by providing a well organised, more flexible and enriched curriculum from 3 to 18.



The 3-18 curriculum aims to ensure that all children and young people in Scotland develop the attributes, knowledge and skills they will need to flourish in life, learning and work.

The knowledge, skills and attributes learners will develop will allow them to become:

Successful learners

Responsible citizens

Confident individuals

Effective contributors

The curriculum ensures that children and young people are provided with continuous opportunities to develop skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Children at Botriphnie Primary will receive a broad general education building on earlier experiences which will continue up to the end of S3 in secondary schools. This will include well-planned experiences and outcomes across all the curriculum areas from 3-

The curriculum should be designed on the basis of the following principles:

- ✓ Challenge and enjoyment
- ✓ Breadth
- ✓ Progression
- ✓ Depth

- ✓ Personalisation and choice
- ✓ Coherence

15, including understanding the world, Scotland's place in it, and the environment.

✓ Relevance

Everything we do at Botriphnie is grounded in ensuring all pupils access their right to a good quality education with a relentless focus on wellbeing entitlements. At Botriphnie we aim to do the best for every child in our care and we also recognise strengths and talents and encourage children to develop these and reach their full potential.

Our overarching aim is to cultivate self —directed learners who are able to talk enthusiastically about their learning and wellbeing, including the skills, knowledge and attitudes they have and are developing. We encourage learners to co-construct/take ownership of their learning and collaborate at every stage of their education to participate in motivational learning experiences that have meaning for them as individuals, their community and the world.

Botriphnie Learning Pit #HOW WE LEARN

At Botriphnie our shared vision underpins our culture of ambitious self-belief.

What did we do?

Children's engagement with a leadership of their learning has been a focus in our school improvement journey. As a result, our pupils have designed Botriphnie Mindset Ninjas to remind us all of the important qualities we aim to demonstrate in our journey 'from acorns to mighty oaks'.

Why did we do this?

We want everyone in our school community to understand getting stuck or making a mistake is a good thing. There has been a huge focus over the past few years on developing a growth mindset culture. Our next steps in continuing to promote and sustain this was to



have a measure. We wanted our children to articulate the learning qualities they demonstrate. Botriphnie Mindset Ninjas are there to remind us of the mindset and qualities we need to help pull ourselves through the learning pit each day, to embrace challenge and articulate our progress and next steps.

Our curriculum #WHAT WE LEARN

Our powerful most supporting and promoting the language of learning is 'the wall'. We set about making mindset an explicit part of our curriculum rationale via Botriphnie Mindset Ninjas. The wall is a visual which helps all children understand the curriculum on offer. Our vision and values are at the heart of our curriculum. The foundations are our rights and wellbeing entitlements. The eight wiggly different worms our curricular areas helping us grow skills for life.



There are eight curriculum areas in our Curriculum for Excellence and the following areas will give you an insight into what Scottish school children will be learning during their time in primary and S1-S3.

 Expressive Arts Participation in performances and presentations Art and design Dance Drama Music 	 Religious and Moral Education Christianity World religions selected for study Development of beliefs and values Religious education in Roman Catholic schools
 Health and Wellbeing Mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing Planning for choices and change Physical education, physical activity and sport Food and health Substance misuse Relationships, sexual health and parenthood 	Sciences Planet earth Forces, electricity and waves Biological systems Materials Topical Science
Languages	 Social Studies People, past events and societies People, place and environment People, society economy and business
 Mathematics Number, money and measure Shape, position and movement Information handling 	 Technological developments in society ICT to enhance learning Business context for developing technological skills and knowledge Computing science contexts for developing technological skills and knowledge Food and textiles contexts for developing technological skills and knowledge Craft design, engineering and graphics

If you wish more information about Curriculum for Excellence you will find all the information you need at Education Scotland website.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We are indeed blessed at Botriphnie to have a local environment, idyllic for the continued development of outdoor learning to permeate our curriculum in as creative and innovative ways as possible. The procurement of additional outdoor resources, coupled with professional input from Earthtime, has enabled us to provide thoughtprovoking and innovative experiences for our learners, at Botriphnie Primary School, recognising the importance of developing our children "as moral, social and ethical human beings."







We aim to make the most of local knowledge and expertise to plan motivating, relevant learning experiences for our children.

We aim to provide opportunities for our young people to be active citizens and to engage in learning that is relevant to their lives now and in the future.

We make the most of our local context and enjoy strong partnerships with community

groups.



LEARNING AND TEACHING

At Botriphnie Primary we use Our Moray Standard-Learning and teaching to plan and deliver effective learning and teaching. We are constantly reflecting on our practice, using current research to guide or thinking and improve practice. Currently, we work together with other schools in the ASG to promote professional dialogue and develop a consistent standard across all schools. We make effective use of a range of resources including digital technologies to support learning. Each pupil has access to an iPad to support learning across all curricular areas.



PUPIL VOICE is at the heart of our approaches to learning and teaching. We use a variety of tools to encourage and promote leadership of learning.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Teachers share with the children what they are going to learn and what is to be achieved in a lesson. Children are also given success criteria before starting a piece of work and often a WAGOLL (What a good one looks like). The check list of criteria alongside the example helps children understand what they need to include and show in their learning in order to complete the task successfully. Success criteria is differentiated to promote challenge. There are a number of strategies used in the school to assess children's understanding. Assessment is for learning (AiFL) involves the children in self and peer evaluations and promotes discussion and ownership of learning. This gives the children a clearer understanding of what they need to do to achieve and to progress. More information can be found in fortnightly reflection jotters.





PLAY PEDAGOGY

At Botriphnie wonderful displays showcasing learning surround our 'Adventure Room' which has been well developed to place play pedagogy at the heart of our curriculum. Playful Pedagogy is a way of integrating children's play experiences with curricular learning, giving pupils the flexibility to find their own solutions to both new and existing problems. Mrs Lawrence has first-hand experience of providing high quality play, with her many years of experience as manager at Newmill Playgroup. It's very exciting to see how playful learning experiences are being developed, building on children's ideas and interests.

ENSURING PACE AND CHALLENGE

At Botriphnie developing the use of SOLO taxonomy has been central to our focus on improving learning and teaching. All staff use SOLO verbs to design tasks and questions which improved the quality of dialogue, differentiation and levels of challenge.

We have agreed whole school shared formats to guide learners, providing a consistent approach across the school community. SOLO provides a good model for differentiation within multi-composite classes.

We are also developing self-directed learning opportunities across the whole schoolwhere children work more on areas of interest, creating their own success criteria to complete more open ended tasks.

SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS

Pupils are in mixed ability classes and all of our class teachers plan lessons which are differentiated in order to meet pupil needs effectively.

Additional Support Needs

Some of our children require an additional input from our Support for Learning teachers in order to access the curriculum successfully. Children may be supported either individually or in small groups, sometimes within the class and sometimes in another room. Parents are informed if their child is identified as requiring support for learning and are encouraged to discuss their child's needs with staff.

Some children will have an Individual Education Programme (IEP) or Learner Profile and Strategies (LPS) which is devised for them and evaluated continually. Both are shared with parents and parents may contribute to them.

The school works closely with other agencies such as Early Years Service (EYS), Speech and Language Therapy (SALT), Educational Psychology (EP), Social Work (SW), English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Occupational Therapy (OT).

Multi-agency meetings called Child Planning Meetings may be held for some pupils. Parents, school staff and other agencies who work with the pupil, meet to discuss issues and concerns, what is working, ideas and actions/outcomes.

Enquire

Enquire offers independent, confidential advice and information on additional support for learning through:

Telephone Helpline: 0845 123 2303

Email Enquire service: info@enquire.org.uk

Advice and information is also available at www.enguire.org.uk

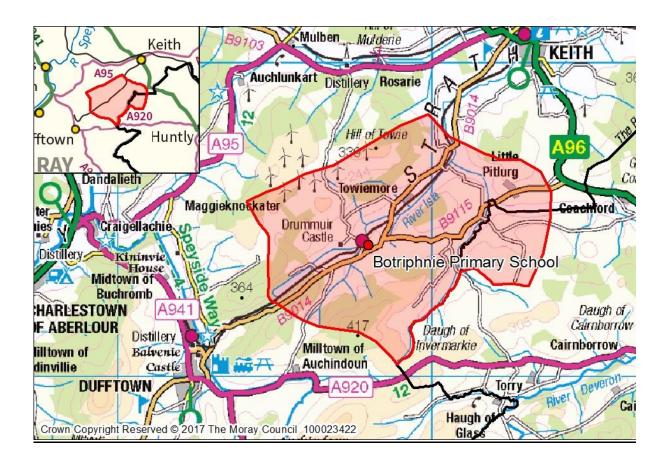
Enquire provides a range of clear easy-to-read guides and fact sheets including - The parents' guide to additional support for learning.

APPENDICES

School Calendar

Session 2024/2025					
Autumn Term	Starts Ends	In-Service Wedneso	e Closure: Monday 12 Aug 2024 e Closure: Tuesday 13 Aug 2024 day 14 August 2024 October 2024		
Autumn Holiday	Starts Ends		7 October 2024 October 2024		
Winter Term	Starts	Monday 21 October 2024 In-Service Closure: Monday 11 Nov 2024 In-Service Closure: Tuesday 12 Nov 2024 Friday 20 December 2024			
Christmas Holiday	Starts Ends	Monday 2	23 December 2024 January 2025		
Spring Term	Starts	Monday 6 January 2025 In-Service Closure: Thursday 13 February Mid Term Holiday: Friday 14 & Monday 17 February 2025			
Spring Holiday	Starts Fnds	Monday 3	3 March 2025 31 March 2025 April 2025		
Summer Term	Starts	Monday Good Frid May Day	14 April 2025 day Holiday: Friday 18 April 2025 Holiday: Monday 5 May 2025 7 June 2025		
	Plus 1 o	ccasional d	ay holiday when the Is will be closed:		
	ie High A		Elgin Academy ASG		
	ay 6 May 2		Tuesday 18 February 2025		
	n High AS		Forres Academy ASG		
	18 Februa	-	Tuesday 18 February 2025		
	Grammar		Lossiemouth High ASG		
	y 2 June 2		Tuesday 18 February 2025		
	's High A 18 Februa		Speyside High ASG Monday 2 June 2025		

Zone Map



<u>CHILD PROTECTION</u> - <u>Child Protection Indicators</u>

Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

(United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child)

It is the duty of The Moray Council and its entire staff to ensure, as far as possible, that all children are protected from the danger of child abuse in all its forms. These include:

- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Criminal Exploitation
- Trafficking
- Neglect
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Forced Marriage
- Forced or Dangerous Labour
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Harmful Sexual Behaviours
- Radicalisation
- Domestic Abuse
- Parental Drug Use
- Parental Alcohol Use
- Parental Mental Health
- Child Placing Self at Risk

Where school staff have concerns about a pupil, which suggests the possibility of abuse, these concerns will be passed on immediately to the designated Child Protection Co-ordinator in school, who will then discuss the concerns with a member of the Social Work Team. In these circumstances, parents will not normally be consulted first.

Further information regarding these indicators of risk can be found in the <u>National</u> Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (2021).

GIRFEC Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) – Primary Schools

The Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) approach aims to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families based on a shared understanding of wellbeing. Most children and young people receive the support they need from their own families and their community, in partnership with universal services such as health and education. Where extra support is needed, GIRFEC aims to make that support easy to access with the child or young person at the centre. It looks at a child or young person's overall wellbeing to establish how safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included wellbeing indicators they are, to ensure that each and every child or young person gets the right support, at the right time, from the right people.

As part of the national GIRFEC approach children and young people from birth to 18, or beyond if still in school, and their parents will have access to a single point of contact to help them get the support they need. In primary schools this will usually be provided by the Headteacher or Depute Headteacher. The Headteacher or Depute Headteacher will be the single point of contact for children and young people, their parents/carers and the professionals who work with the child or young person. Should you have anything you would like to discuss regarding your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Headteacher or Depute Headteacher either by phone, email or alternatively a letter marked for the attention of your child's Headteacher or Depute Headteacher.

DATA AND PRIVACY

Information on pupils and parents/carers is stored securely on a computer system. The information gathered is subject to the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The information may be used for teaching, registration, assessment and other administrative duties. The information is shared with Moray Council for administrative and statistical purposes. Extracts of the information are shared with a range of partners such as Skills Development Scotland, the Scottish Qualifications Authority, and the NHS (for the dental and child health immunisation programmes). Information is also shared with Scottish Government for statistical and research purposes, although individual children are not identified.

The Data Protection Act ensures that information is collected fairly and lawfully, is accurate, adequate, up to date, not held for longer than necessary, and may only be disclosed in accordance with the Codes of Practice.

Botriphnie Primary School has a legal responsibility to deliver an effective educational programme to its pupils. In order to do this, we need to collect personal data about our pupils/children and their families so that we can help them learn, and keep them safe. The type of personal data we will collect include:-

Data about our pupils/children and their families

This will include the name, address and contact details of the pupil/child and relevant family members. It will also include information about relevant medical conditions, any additional supports which are needed, and their family situation. We need this information to ensure we know our pupils/children and their families, and to ensure we are able to educate them appropriately, and keep them safe.

We will also collect personal data relating to personal characteristics, such as ethnic group to enable statistics to be reported. We need this information so the Council can ensure it is delivering education appropriately to all its citizens.

Data about pupils/children at school/within ELC setting

This will include data about progress, assessments, and exam results. It will also include records of attendance, absence, and any exclusions. We need this information to understand how our pupils/children are progressing, and to assess how we can help them to achieve their best.

Data about when and where they go after they leave us

This will include information about their next setting/school, career paths or intended destinations. We need this information to ensure we support our pupils/children in all their transitions and do all that we can to help their future be a success.

There will be times where we also receive information about them from other organisations, such as a pupils' previous school, the previous local authority where that school or ELC setting was based, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, Social Work, Additional Support Services, and sometimes other organisations or groups connected to a pupil's education. We use this data similarly to the above: to support our pupils' learning, monitor and report on their progress, provide appropriate pastoral care; and assess the quality of our services

When we collect and use personal data within school/ELC setting, and for the reasons detailed above, we will normally be acting in accordance with our public task. Occasionally we are also required to process personal data because the law requires us to do so, or because it is necessary to protect someone's life.

We will also take photographs in school/ELC setting and display them on our walls, and in newsletters and other communications. We do this in order to celebrate and share what we have done, including individual achievements and successes. We consider this use of images to be part of our public task as it helps us build an effective community which supports learning. We will not, however, publish these photographs on social media or in newspapers without permission. Consent for this use will be sought when a pupil/child joins Botriphnie Primary School and will be kept on record while they are with us. Consent can be withdrawn at any time, please just let us know.

Sometimes we need to share pupil information with other organisations. We are required, by law, to pass certain information about our pupils to the Scottish Government and the Council. This data is for statistical purposes, and will normally be anonymised. It is normally required to enable the Council, and the Government, to understand how education is being delivered and to help them plan for future provision.

If a pupil/child moves schools/ELC settings, we have a legal obligation to pass on information to their new school/education authority about their education at Botriphnie Primary School

When we record and use personal data, we will only collect and use what we need. We will keep it securely, and it will only be accessed by those that need to. We will not keep personal data for longer than is necessary and follow the Council's Record Retention Schedule and archival procedures when records are identified to be of historical value and require to be retained in the Moray Council Archives. For more information on how the Council uses personal data, and to know more about your information rights including who to contact if you have a concern, see the Moray Council privacy notice.

Sharing personal data to support Wellbeing

In addition to the above, Botriphnie Primary School has a legal duty to promote, support and safeguard the wellbeing of children in our care.

Wellbeing concerns can cover a range of issues depending on the needs of the child.

Staff are trained to identify when children and families can be supported and records are kept when it is thought that a child could benefit from help available in the school/ELC setting, community or another professional. You can expect that we will tell you if we are concerned about your child's wellbeing, and talk to you about what supports might help in the circumstances. Supports are optional and you will not be required to take them up.

If it would be helpful to share information with someone else, we will discuss this with you and seek your consent before we share it so that you know what is happening and why. The only time we will not seek consent to share information with another organisation is if we believe that a child may be at risk of harm. In these situations, we have a duty to protect children, which means we do not need consent. On these occasions, we will normally tell you that information is being shared, with whom, and why – unless we believe that doing so may put the child at risk of harm.

We will not give information about our pupils to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to do so.

Improvement Plan

&

Standards & Quality Report



School Improvement Plan

Session:	2024-2025			
School:	Newmill/Botr	iphnie		
Plan term:	■ 1 year □ 2 years*	□ 3 years*		

Link Officer:

Willem Smit

*on discussion with Link Officer/QIM, context based

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Priority 1 –Second year of creating a refreshed writing curriculum and first year of refreshing listening and

talking curriculum to support progress in writing, third year of building and sustaining a whole school reading								
	culture to raise attainment in literacy							
	Summary of Priority: Priority 1- Raising A	ttainment in Literacy						
 Leaners to experience increased support 	and challenge within their literacy curriculum-with a spe	ecific focus on writing.						
• Learners to experience a high quality list	ening and talking and writing curriculum that support pro	ogress in literacy.						
 The whole school community will build a 	and sustain a whole school reading culture to support and	I raise attainment in literacy						
Key links to								
Moray Education	☑ Learning, Teaching and Assessment☑ Empowering leadership at all Levels	☐ Curriculum						
Priority Area(s):	△ Empowering leadership at all Levels	□ Closing the poverty related attainment gap						

NIF Priorities: NIF Drivers: 0		Children's Services Plan:	HGIOS?4 QIs:		
 □ Placing human rights and needs of every child and young person at centre □ Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing ☑ Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children □ Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people ☑ Improvements in attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy 	 School and ELC Leadership Teacher and practitioner professionalism Parent/carer involvement and engagement Curriculum and assessment School and ELC Improvement Performance Information 	□ P1: Overcoming challenges − disability, neurodiversity □ P2: Tackling child poverty □ P3: Improving CYP mental wellbeing □ P4: Strengthening family support □ P5: Improving CECYP outcomes	☐ 1.1 ☐ 1.2 ☐ 1.3 ☐ 1.4 ☐ 1.5	☐ 2.1 ⊠ 2.2 ⊠ 2.3 ☐ 2.4 ☐ 2.5 ☐ 2.6 ☐ 2.7	□ 3.1 ⋈ 3.2 □ 3.3

Actions	Outcomes for learners	Timescales	Responsible	Measures of success
 Change ideas:- Finish progressions for four remaining text types Teachers to re visit professional learning videos again before teaching each text type Create shared active inspire teaching as a teaching resource and reference tool moving forward Complete Yearly Overview- breaking into Early/First/ Second- text types 	Driver:- Learners will become balanced writers with an increased ability to make and articulate sentence level, word level decisions as a direct input of a refreshed writing curriculum.	Throughout session as we teach different text types Throughout session 24/25	All staff	 Measurement:- All Primary Teachers will have up to date knowledge of best pedagogy and will be sharing learning with pupils and trialling new approaches. This will be evident in learning walks, planning folders, pupil groups-updated pupil improvement plan, and jotters.(PM writing and PM oracy) All teachers and learners will have trialled all nine text types –introduced at CLPL- document and be able to talk about how it helped inform learning and

 Create tracking Spreadsheet-similar to maths and numeracy Assessment calendar for writing created Populate spreadsheet throughout the session Learners to have writing profile with cold and hot pieces – consider format, make decisions Spelling- tweaks to be made to whole school spelling approach based on data. –Precision teaching piloted in P3/4/5 for common words Listening and Talking - Whole school CLPL- All staff to participate in four training sessions. 26/08/24 28/10/24 25/11/24 Listening and talking progression to be reviewed and refreshed- clearer progression to support assessment Listening and talking resources to be piloted – matching PM writing – PM oracyconsolidating talk for writing. Learners to hold a Listening and Talking profile with assessment evidence Assessment calendar for Listening and talking to be created. Reading School Gold- See separate Action plan and evidence – both schools –working together on a joint action plan. Main action points include: Community Event-display in a community space-Reading Café Eamily learning events –to introduce new 	Learners will be able to make links between listening and talking and writing curriculum to maintain and raise attainment in literacy. Learners will benefit from a curriculum where opportunities to generate excitement around reading is maximised to sustain and raise attainment in literacy.	 teaching. All children will have a profile with 'cold' and 'hot assessments' for writing Almost all children will understand and be able to talk about the progress and next steps within each text type e.g. S1, S2. Moderation of standards- Jotter-improvement monitoring as part of peer observation walksdeveloping a shared understanding of F1, F2, etc 'tools for writing' as a result of spelling, grammar and handwriting focus. Aiming to maintain and raise attainment Assessment Calendar created throughout 24/25 and in place 25/26- writing, listening and talking Peer learning walks – different focus (spelling, writing, L&T) - moderating approaches to teaching writing —developing shared understanding. Identifying whole school messages and next steps. All teachers to have trialled the Pm Oracy resources and be able to talk about their impact. Parents will be able to access resources and information to support their child's progress in reading Submitting evidence plan to achieve Reading Schools Gold in 24/25
 Community Event-display in a community 		
 Family learning events –to introduce new reading scheme and how to support progress-which will include videos on Blog 		
Joint schools Author Event		
Book recommendations to support HWB on blog – mindset, friendship, etc		

Evidence to support reduced bureaucracy/workload of teachers: Joint working

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and launch at Term 1 parents night.

each other throughout session 24/25.

All staff to use newly created peer observation

template to undertake three learning visits of

Continue to develop shared resources to

support sustainability of approaches within



• HWB- Glasgow wellbeing profile used to asses

• Jotters- children's identification and ability to talk

about their progress in terms of the pit (O-4)

• Peer observation notes, discussion and feedback

to three times individual HWB wheels

HWB- attitude to learning –twice yearly in addition

Priority 2 - second year of	enquiry bas	sed approac	hes to improv	ving lea	arning, teaching and a	assess	ment	
Summarį	of Priority:	Children's enga	agement with and	d leaders	ship of learning			
 Teachers will be able to improve and talk confid pedagogy. Learners with experience high quality teaching an 	-		oaches based on fu	ındament	al principles and practices of w	ell resea	rched gro	ounded
Key links to Moray Education Priority Area(s):	∠ Learning, T	eaching and Assess		⊠ Curricu⊠ Closing	lum the poverty related attainment ga	р		
NIF Priorities:		NIF Dr	ivers:	Chile	dren's Services Plan:	HG	ios?4 Q	ls:
 ✓ Placing human rights and needs of every child and young permanent in children and young people's health and were considered in the constant of the constant of	Ilbeing dvantaged children destinations for all	· ·	ctitioner professionalism olvement and engageme assessment mprovement	n _	13: Improving CYP mental wellbeing 14: Strengthening family support	☐ 1.1 ☐ 1.2 ☑ 1.3 ☐ 1.4 ☐ 1.5	☐ 2.1 ⊠ 2.2 ⊠ 2.3 ☐ 2.4 ☐ 2.5 ☐ 2.6 ☐ 2.7	□ 3.1 ⋈ 3.2 □ 3.3
Actions	utcomes for lea	rners 1	Timescales	Responsi	ible Measures of success			
All staff to participate in remaining five teacher learning community professional learning events Develop interactive version of the Newmill/Botriphnie Learning Pit to set a shared language for progress across the whole school community- share with families via school blog	be re e participa engaged –motiva	ering learners to eager and active ants who are fully l, resilient, highly ted and interact during learning s.	Throughout Session 24/25	All staf	Measurement: Use of and pupil's abil 'wall' and interactive the relevance of a experiences TLC Teacher Folders/ progress within each el levels within the pit	learning and refle	pit to und ect on /Classroom	derstand learning n Visits-

be

Learners will experience

across the curriculum.

Learners

high quality teaching

interested, curious and

sufficiently challenged in

will

each element	their learning.	Respectful Relationships Policy will be shared with
Develop and explore opportunities for parents	 Learners will feel actively 	staff and Parent Council by the May 25.
to evaluate progress and next steps using the	involved in leading their	All children at Botriphnie will hold a digital profile.
learning pit	own learning	P6/7 at Newm8ill will pilot digital profiles.
Refresh ' Respectful Relationships Policy' with	 Providing a learning 	
parents –use Rights Rabbit to make accessible	environment where;	
children –RRSA Gold- Rights Based Approach to	visibility of skills,	
Learning Primary – Foundation	meaningful discussion	
All staff to participate in professional learning to	and reflection on skills,	
deepen their understanding of meta skills.	and the opportunity to	
Introduce meta skills to children and support	profile skills experiences,	
them to make links to current skills language-	will support children and	
four capacities.	young people with their	
Children to consider how we could incorporate	ability to understand,	
· I	recognise and articulate	
these within 'the wall' as an connection – as	their skills development,	
opposed to something new.	-	
Provide opportunities for children to reflect on	empowering children to	
Meta skills within learning activities- specifically	develop across the four	

capacities.

outdoor learning, play, SDL. Leadership.All staff to receive training on how to develop

• Digital leaders to be trained in upper stages classes to support all children to create digital

• All children at Botriphnie to hold a digital

• Digital Staff Champion to be appointed.

profile, all P6/7 children at Newmill.

digital profile.

profiles.

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Priority 3- Raising and attainment in numeracy and maths through a moderation lense-year four Summary of Priority: ASG approach to raising attainment in numeracy O Continue to build an ASG shared understanding of numeracy curriculum progression to raise attainment in numeracy. Learners to experience increased support and challenge within their numeracy curriculum. Key links to Moray Education Priority Area(s): D Learning, Teaching and Assessment D Curriculum D Closing the poverty related attainment gap

NIF Priorities:	NIF Drivers:	Children's Services Plan:	HGI	IOS?4 Q	s:
 □ Placing human rights and needs of every child and young person at centre □ Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing □ Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children □ Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people □ Improvements in attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy 	 □ School and ELC Leadership ☑ Teacher and practitioner professionalism □ Parent/carer involvement and engagement ☑ Curriculum and assessment ☑ School and ELC Improvement ☑ Performance Information 	□ P1: Overcoming challenges – disability, neurodiversity □ P2: Tackling child poverty □ P3: Improving CYP mental wellbeing □ P4: Strengthening family support □ P5: Improving CECYP outcomes	☐ 1.1 ☐ 1.2 ☑ 1.3 ☐ 1.4 ☐ 1.5	 □ 2.1 ⋈ 2.2 ⋈ 2.3 □ 2.4 □ 2.5 □ 2.6 □ 2.7 	□ 3.1 ⋈ 3.2 □ 3.3

Actions	Outcomes for learners	Timescales	Responsible	Measures of success
 Change ideas Newmill and Botriphnie to make changes to yearly overview for Numeracy and maths- at early, first and second levels based on key messages from data gathered over past three years. Greater focus on 'application' this this session- through pilot of second level problem solving resource and moderating 'application' tasks designed by ASG Numeracy Team. Re-establish dates for Numeracy Pedagogy Team to: finish third level assessments and answers, consider an ASG approach to using strategy overviews for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, spreadsheet how to guide. More robust data around strategy development to be retained- Teacher plans to include details of what strategy 	successfully be able to apply their learning in new or unfamiliar contexts. • Learners' ability to discuss, select and apply strategies will develop.	Throughout session 24/25	All staff	 Measurement:- Teachers plans will include opportunities for application Teachers will be able to talk about each child's progress in applying numeracy and maths skills. Learners will be able to track the strategies they know and can use via pupil tracking sheet. Teachers across the ASG will use marking keys/guides to support consistent use of assessments-leading to more robust data. They will be able to talk about assessments results and the implication for learning and teaching within their class. Newmill/Botriphnie will begin to create an application bank- level specific based on the

	taught and when.		resources trialled.
•	Individual pupil profiles to include evaluations of ability to use specific strategies.		All learners will have a numeracy profile.
•	Explore how to use strategy overviews in a meaningful way with parents and pupils to support a shared language outlining up to date approaches leading to conceptual understanding		Newmill and Botriphnie will have third level assessments created for all organisers.
•	Learners will be able use strategy booklets to help undertake assessments.		
•	Overview of each organiser with percentages- strengths and next steps to be within front cover of numeracy profiles.		

School Context and Overview

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At Botriphnie Primary our vision is 'growing together from acorns to mighty oaks'. Our vision statement is inspired by an important local feature: the community woodland and our very own oak tree within the school grounds. Learners benefit from a strong sense of community, shared values and high expectations:

- **Community** (We build and maintain positive relationships with families, partners, pupils and staff)
- Determined (We work hard and are determined to demonstrate a growth mind-set and learn from one another. We ensure our school community feels supported to do their best)
- *Creative* (As we develop skills and attitudes that support each other, we take creative risks to challenge ourselves to take responsibility for our own learning. In our school our learning experiences are challenging and enjoyable including learning in the outdoors, in the community and further afield.)
- **Successful** (We recognise, can talk about and celebrate all sorts of achievements in a range of ways which help us build our self-esteem and confidence. We understand how taking part in a range of activities helps us contribute to our school community in a positive way.)

We are small rural school in the Keith ASG. We have 18 pupils taught in a single multi-composite class. Newmill and Botriphnie became schools within a paired headship in May 2016, with both schools working closely together. Our school has an Acting Principal Teacher (appointed March 2024) and our SfL teacher has been absent long term.

- The school worked closely with Drummuir 21 and Drummuir Estate to improve the local community for the common good. This year we continue to look after the jelly hedge planted by children. We also planted thirty trees in the community woodland to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee and look after our planet. Our learners commemorate St Fumac annually- celebrating and promoting sustainability within our local area. Children have been learning about sustainability through regular visits to local bee hives. This has been arranged through parental and wider community support. Drummuir Estate has supported Botriphnie Primary to benefit from/ get involved with 'Scottish Invasive Species initiative (Mink monitoring) this session.
- The school has an active Parent Council and benefits from strong parental and community involvement. At a PC meeting the following was calculated:- 67% of pupils have a parent who attended BPS and 50% of pupils have a grandparent who attended BPS. This data helps demonstrate how important the school is for the local community and explains the strong parental support with ALL parents attending our Sports and Christmas Events. Parent Council are proactive in supporting funding and providing resources to improve outcomes for all children. Parent Council benefit from Hill of Towie Windfarm Grants. As a result, the school have an iPad per pupil and a charging station. We have also applied for funding to support our transition week-with a focus on 'Health and Wellbeing' through outdoor learning. This year, we were awarded a new shed to store PE and outdoor learning equipment. Parent Council has started using Moray Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy to support improvement. Pupils regularly join Parent Council meetings to ensure pupil voice informs our next steps.



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Progress and Impact

Our pupil led improvement group 'Reading Stars' continue to work towards 'Reading Schools' accreditation through implementation of their action plan. As a result, we continue to build and sustain a whole school reading culture to support and raise attainment in literacy. In May 2024, Botriphnie Primary achieved Silver Reading Schools Status and our ACEL data demonstrates we are sustaining and raising attainment in reading with all learners achieving expected milestones in P1, P4 and P7 this session. We manage resources well, planning a refreshed reading curriculum, through the purchase of up to date reading scheme. Already, pupils tell us the resources are supporting increased enthusiasm and motivation for reading sessions. Maximising new resources will continue to be a focus of next session's literacy attainment journey with a focus on family learning, specifically guided reading. In writing, we continue to build on last session's professional learning and are in our second session of reviewing, refreshing and implementing a new writing curriculum, in line with our informed awareness of current educational thinking. To support this process, resources have been purchased to refresh our whole school approach and steps have been taken to create levelled progressions for each text type as well as whole school overview. We have been able to do this for five text types this session and have developed whole school teaching resources to support. All staff report feeling more confident in teaching writing as a result of the whole school professional learning and collaboration to produce termly plans, with a renewed focus on the four contexts for learning. To support staffing changes, team teaching and opportunities for modelling of approaches have been successful in supporting professional learning. Children report the approach is supporting them to produce more high quality pieces of writing, demonstrating a developing ability to articulate word levels and sentence levels decisions they have made, based on teaching in

Next Steps

- Continue with Reading Schools accreditation programme- to focus moving from sliver to gold outcomes-main action points being partnership working —engaging parents and pupils with new reading material and family learning sessions to promote guided reading at home and in school.
- Continue to create resources and programmes to match professional learning –improving quality of teaching in writing to raise attainment –creating balanced writers who can make word levels and sentence level decisions. Measurement- tracking system to be created and piloted next session. More genres to be developed with appropriate resources.
- 'Pruning' whole school spelling approaches in line with assessment data to provide even more support and challenge
- Listening and talking assessment calendar

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✓ Placing human rights and needs of every child and young person at centre ✓ Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing ✓ Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children ✓ Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people ✓ Improvements in attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy

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Progress and Impact

Across our paired school community, there is a strong ethos of professional engagement and collegiate working to improve learning and teaching, building on previous knowledge and understanding. All teaching staff have invested in sustaining a collegiate learning culture through collaborative practitioner enquiry, with a focus on 'Power Up your Pedagogy'. All teachers have engaged in seven professional learning sessions focusing on up levelling their teaching toolkit. All staff have been able to report back to our pedagogy team on changes to their practice and impact for future practice, retaining clear records of changes to their thinking and links with previous CLPL. Peer learning opportunities have, and will, continue to be a priority within collegiate time. This session, teachers worked together to create a peer observation toolkit to support continuous improvement and sustain our practice. This has been piloted this session to evidence improvement for learners and measure practitioner progress using Botriphnie's Learning Pit. Our shared language for progress has been promoted within the whole school community via the creation of an interactive display. The pit (based on previous professional learning linked to SOLO taxonomy) has helped teachers to improve approaches to learning and teaching and increase learner engagement, measured through peer observations. All teachers report that they feel more confidently able to talk about their pedagogical approaches and can make links between previous research and professional learning activity. Botriphnie's Learning Pit empowers children to have a say in the quality of their learning experience and how to improve. It is effectively promoting a whole school approach to measuring progress leading to sustainable improvement in learning and wellbeing. Next, we will be increasing peer observations with a focus on measuring, more accurately, learning engagement.

Next Steps

- Continue to develop leadership opportunities across the school-with all children accessing leadership opportunity –planning for my learner choice in leadership experience and focus to increase motivation.
- Power Up- still have to complete 4 elements –professional learning withinn24/25.
- Continue to improve, build and sustain the quality of learning and teaching across our school(embedding the 'Power Up Your Pedagogy' approach) using peer observation toolkit and interactive whole school approaches to #What we learn and #How we learn- Digital Profiling
- Provide opportunities for individual professional learning through revisiting specific areas as a result of self and peer evaluation.

Priority 3-Raising Attainment in Numeracy						
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Progress and Impact

□ Performance Information

Teachers continue to build an ASG approach to learning, teaching and assessment supporting the moderation process throughout session 23/24. The numeracy pedagogy team has created: 'A How to Administer Assessments Guide', completed most third level assessments, started to create a bank of application tasks and completed strategy booklets to track numeracy strategy development. Botriphnie Primary School now hold individual data tracking attainment and progress across all maths and numeracy organisers for the last three sessions. This is supporting data driven dialogue around progress and attainment over time. Teachers report increased confidence levels and can articulate how their planning is more responsive using assessment results. To support partnership working, this is shared with parents via reports and reflection jotters to provide more detailed data around progress and next steps. This session, the ASG is in a position to share P7 data to support an effective numeracy transition. Teachers tell us using the ASG assessment bank is key in improving learning and teaching. 'Cold' Assessments are used consistently across the school to explore students' prior knowledge and activate relevant schemata. 'Hot' assessments are used to assess progress and evaluate the impact of learning and teaching. Learners are fully involved in the process of assessing impact. The assessments are motivating them to take ownership of their learning and take responsibility for the progress they are making. Learners can articulate whether their numeracy and maths lessons have had the 'goldilocks' effect and set targets based on performance. They are clear about where they are in their learning (E3, F1, etc) and able to see the progress they are making. This session we have been piloting the use of a new 'Problem Solving' resource to support the 'application' of numeracy skills at first level. We recognise that application of numeracy profiles to include tracking strategy development.

Next Steps

- Continue to moderate resources created by Numeracy Pedagogy Team-building ASG approach –third level assessment focus
- Further develop and moderate a bank of 'application' tasks to develop conceptual understanding alongside procedural fluency
- Pilot use of the second level Problem Solving resource in Newmill at Botriphnie
- Support learners to track numeracy strategies they know and are able to apply- to develop conceptual understanding alongside procedural fluency –carefully consider systems for this as part of collegiate time.
- Ensure all learners build a numeracy and maths profile to support transitions and continued progress –use strategy booklets and overviews with pupils
- Opportunities for family learning Use addition and subtraction strategies with parents –open evening –design some activities to develop whole school under of strategies.

APPENDIX A

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