

# HOLLYBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## Parent information

Dear Parents,

Each year, we work together to make a School Development Plan. You may be interested to read through our plans for the 2021-2022 school year to see how we have been working to improve our school. This is an 'at a glance' version for parent information.

Becoming more child centred			
<p><b>Attendance project</b> Our aim is for all children to be at school for 95% of the time or more! Registers are taken twice daily, and teachers follow up absences with parents. Absences which fall under 90% will be monitored under The Attendance Policy. The Principal will meet with the Educational Welfare Officer termly to monitor attendance.</p>	<p><b>Dyslexia focus</b> Each year we have a sharing good practice focus in school. This year we are studying d Dyslexia and how to become a Dyslexic friendly school. This year Miss McIlwain is leading training on Dyslexia and how to support children with Dyslexia in the classroom.</p>	<p><b>School Council</b> The pandemic has restricted our school council development so this year we aim to elevate the role of the school council through regular meetings and a shared board for ideas. Mrs [name] will be leading the council development.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Healthy School</b> Healthy snack continues to be available via our Eduspot App. We are all aiming to nurture the health of our whole school family. Mental Health and Wellbeing remains a key area of priority with referrals to several interventions welcomed, such as Art Therapy, Drawing and Talking Therapy and our Therapy Dog.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
Improving Teaching and Learning			
<p><b>Literacy</b> Mrs Campfield will be supporting the development of spelling skills this year. There is no doubt the pandemic has had a negative effect on all our pupils, with spelling being an area which supports so many other areas of Literacy, this needs special attention.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	<p><b>Numeracy</b> Mental Maths Skills will be developed this year by Mrs Nelson. Each month every class will share a common focus, with maths competitions related to the skill. Look out on Tuesday notes for top tips!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Foundation Stage</b> Alongside boosting phonics and letter name knowledge, teachers in foundation Stage will be developing Outdoor Play. Miss McCormick will be leading this area.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities</b> Each month every class will focus on a shared skill, vital to improving learning. These skills are transferrable to all subjects and build pupil confidence in their learning.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
Improving Leadership and Management			
<p><b>Senior Management Team</b> This team meets weekly and is made up of the Principal, Vice-Principal and Subject Coordinators. They monitor progress and evaluate the success of school progress.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Special Educational Needs</b> This year we will open our second Learning Support Unit. We also will be auditing our SEN provision in line with the new SEND legislation. Miss McIlwain, Miss Brett and Mrs Culbert will all be helping to ensure we are on target to meet our SEN targets.</p>	<p><b>Class Action Plans</b> All teachers have considered our main areas of development and drawn up a detailed action plan for their class, identifying specific targets with clear monitoring and evaluating steps in place for tracking success.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Interventions</b> Several interventions exist in Hollybank for all ages and subjects, including Mental Health and Wellbeing. Reading interventions will be implemented in P3 and P4, whilst the Engage project will work with P1-P3 pupils. The BOOST programme will continue to work with P5 pupils and withdrawal groups will be set up for P6 and 7 pupils.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
Making better links with the Community			
<p><b>Communicating Information</b> Tuesday notes and website updates will continue, alongside regular Seesaw communication. Our new pupil planners are a fabulous way to keep the lines of communication open between home and school.</p>	<p><b>Induction</b> The P1 teacher will visit children in Nursery and maintain transition records. P1 will integrate to full time hours over 3 weeks with baseline parent interviews helping to make the process easier. SEN children joining our units will also transition slowly to ensure they feel safe and secure, learning new routines and building relationships so they settle quickly into their new home.</p>	<p><b>Extended Services</b> Wide Awake club will continue this year beginning at 8am, and payable through Eduspot. After School clubs will continue to grow post pandemic.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Assistance Dogs NI</b> We have been working with this charity over several months and hope to foster our own dog very soon. This new addition to the Hollybank family will help our children with anxiety, self-confidence, and learning.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>