



Hawthornden Primary School Improvement Plan - Parent Summary

The School Improvement Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead. We aim to ensure all learners receive the best possible education and that our school continues to grow and develop. It has been written after gathering feedback from our school community. As always, we appreciate your contributions and feedback.

Some of our highlights from last session 2020-2021

- We worked with Covid-19 restrictions to ensure that children were happy and safe. This included staggered starts, finishes and breaks, changes to class cover arrangements and how we organised Support for Learning. We held virtual 'Meet the Teacher' in September and new P1 sessions in June.
- Following our school building closure from January-March we engaged with children and families through the use of Google Classroom, including Google Meets and virtual assemblies.
- We supported Keyworker families with the delivery of Emergency Childcare in school during our period of remote learning.
- We supported vulnerable children during school closure with school spaces, digital devices and learning resources
- Opportunities for staff to evaluate practice and progress against 'How Good is our School' indicators have given staff opportunities to be reflective practitioners, discuss good practice and develop next steps, resulting in quality experiences for their classes
- Permanent Head Teacher appointed



2021-2022 Priorities

Health and Wellbeing

We will:

- Evaluate our school's approach to and build on good practice in Nurture
- Seek professional learning opportunities for staff to develop Nurture approaches
- Work collaboratively to make best use of the Relationships and Sexual Health Programme

Digital Learning

We will:

- Develop teaching programmes to use digital technologies across the curriculum and ensure progression for learners is in place
- Work with our Midlothian Digital Learning colleagues to support the rollout of the Equipped for Learning programme; providing learners with Google Workspace and devices for all.
- Increase children's opportunities to engage with Digital Technologies and develop awareness and understanding of how digital skills can support future learning and career choices

Teaching and Learning

We will:

- Streamline planning documents
- Develop Inter-disciplinary learning planners for social studies and science
- Update our Curriculum Rationale
- Develop staff knowledge of phonics and writing teaching
- Develop early years oral language and communication interventions