Hook Community Primary School



Developing and Maintaining a Shared Understanding of Progression

Background

In line with a Ministerial Direction pursuant to section 57 of the Curriculum and Assessment Act 2021, the Headteacher and governing body of maintained schools and maintained nursery schools are directed to:

- Make arrangements for practitioners from the schools to participate in on-going professional dialogue within the school for the purpose of developing and maintaining a shared understanding of progression.
- Make arrangements for practitioners from the schools to participate in on-going professional dialogue within the cluster for the purpose of developing and maintaining a shared understanding of progression.
- Make arrangements for practitioners from the schools to participate in on-going professional dialogue beyond the cluster for the purpose of developing and maintaining a shared understanding of progression.

The relevant persons from all schools and other settings are directed to outline in a plan the arrangements put in place to meet the relevant requirements set out in this direction. The plan must also outline how the outcomes of professional dialogue will inform:

- Future professional dialogue and
- Both curriculum and assessment:
- design (save for a provider of funded non-maintained nursery education who adopt a Welsh Government curriculum), and;
 - Teaching and learning practices within the school/setting.

The plan will be reviewed every 12 months.

Ongoing

It should not be seen as a one off event but rather an ongoing professional development for everyone

Improving

The professional dialogue should inform self-evaluation, by supporting an understanding of where we may want to improve the curriculum

Reflection

Ongoing opportunities for practitioners to reflect on their understanding of progression and how it is articulated in their curriculum

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Sharing effective practice

Practitioners should collaborate to develop an understanding of what underpins successful approaches and practices within and across schools

3-16

A shared understanding of progression across the whole continuum should be developed rather than a sole focus on years 6-7

Professional dialogue

Ongoing opportunities for practitioners to discuss and reflect on their understanding of progression rather than be solely focused on a product

Within the school

Professional Dialogue

- Every member of staff to be a part of the ongoing co-construction of the curriculum to ensure that the curriculum designed enables learners to make progress in the ways described in the principles of progression, supporting them to develop towards the Four Purposes.
- Ongoing Staff Professional Learning to understand the principles of progression

Sharing Effective Practice

- Ongoing Staff Professional Learning to share effective teaching & learning strategies which support pupil progress e.g. Formative assessment
 - Practitioners to observe other practitioners within the school to develop understanding and see and reflect upon effective practice across the cluster and triad of small schools
 - Share effective practice consistently, for example, during staff meetings.

Reflection

 Termly progress meetings held between teachers and SLT to carefully plan ways forward for each pupil

Improving

• Every member of staff to be a part of the ongoing self-evaluation and quality

Within the cluster

3-16

 Practitioners and schools to act on the agreed transition plan which is reviewed annually

Professional Dialogue

- Share threads with other practitioners to deepen understanding of progression in Knowledge, Skills and Experiences
- Collaborate with AOLE Lead Teams and Senior Leadership Teams during scheduled Professional Learning Fridays (from September 2023) and joint Cluster Inset days (x2) to develop a curriculum which promotes continuity in learning for Y5/6 into Y7/8 transition pupils.
- Providing ongoing opportunities for practitioners to compare their thinking with other schools, ensuring some consistency of expectations, but while still offering flexibility at the same time. Aiming to deepen understanding of progression and share effective practice.
- Collaborate with lead practitioners for CWRE, RVE and RSE and other relevant areas to support cluster work.

Sharing Effective Practice/ Reflection

 AOLE Lead Teams to share effective teaching & learning resources, as well as pedagogical approaches for 'closing the gap' with other schools

Outside of the Cluster

- Continue to work closely with Partneriaeth AOLE Leads to work with other schools from beyond our cluster, through formal arrangements made by the SLT.
- C4W Leads to attend national/regional networks, conversations and other PL opportunities e.g. Partneriaeth AoLE Networks, to strengthen curriculum provision
- Practitioners to continue working with National organisations e.g. Careers Wales, The Art Council for Wales, WJEC, SACRE

assurance processes of the curriculum, to ensure that the curriculum designed enables learners to make progress in the ways described in the principles of progression, supporting them to develop towards the four purposes

- Practitioners to observe other practitioners within Cluster schools to develop and maintain a shared understanding of progression and reflect upon effective practice

Improving

• Further developing shared transition language, an understanding of the principles of progression and common assessment language across the cluster to further improve continuity for transition.

Developing and maintaining a shared understanding of progression within our school

Rationale and desired impact How will this action inform: **Action** future professional dialogue curriculum and assessment design pedagogies To ensure equity for learners within our school, **Professional Dialogue** it is important that there is a shared • Every member of staff to be a part of the ongoing co-construction of the curriculum to understanding of the fundamentals of ensure that the curriculum designed enables curriculum design, along with a shared learners to make progress in the ways understanding of learner progression, including described in the principles of progression, expectations around what progression may supporting them to develop towards the Four look like and the pace at which learners may Purposes. progress. Ongoing Staff Professional Learning to understand the 'Principles of progression.' **Sharing Effective Practice** This will enable practitioners to reflect on curriculum design and ensure shared Ongoing Staff Professional Learning to share effective teaching & learning expectations around learner progression. strategies which support pupil progress Opportunities for practitioners to reflect on their understanding of progression, to ensure e.g. Formative assessment coherence, parity and equity within the school. Practitioners to observe other practitioners We want to strengthen understanding of within the school to develop understanding approaches and practice within our school to and see and reflect upon effective practice best support our learners. Share effective practice consistently, for example, during staff meetings. Reflection Our learner progress meetings will provide opportunities for practitioners to focus both • Progress meetings regularly held between individual and cohort learner progress. staff identifying strengths, next steps and areas for improvement, both at a child and adult level. Our self-evaluation processes will provide **Improving** • Every member of staff to be a part of the equity for all voices in our team, ensuring that ongoing self-evaluation and quality assurance

processes of the curriculum, to ensure that the curriculum designed enables learners to make progress in the ways described in the principles of progression, supporting them to develop towards the four purposes

reflection leads to improved practice in an ongoing school improvement cycle.