



Strathdon School Teaching & Learning Policy

Learning & Engagement	Quality of Teaching
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive relationships between staff and learners. • Clear school vision, values and aims. • All staff & learners understand their rights and are expected to respect the rights of others. • High expectations and motivating and engaging lessons for all learners. • Encourage personal choice through digital technologies, play, questioning and discussions. • Lessons are linked to CfE benchmarks and Meta skills so that learners know what they are learning and why. • Pupils are encouraged to co-construct success criteria. • Learners use personal profiles to showcase good quality work and decided on next steps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff know the pupils well and understand how best to motivate and challenge individual pupils. • Lessons are well planned & prepared and linked to CfE benchmarks. • Good use is made of different learning environments and opportunities such as outdoors, visitors, trips and digital technologies. • High quality questioning and feedback is used daily to check understanding and up level work. • Good use is made of assessments and data to plan next steps. • A variety of techniques are used to ensure all learners are engaged (e.g., mini whiteboards, cold calling, lollipop sticks etc.).
Effective Use of Assessment	Planning Tracking & Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre and post assessments are included in planning. • A variety of summative and formative assessment strategies are used. • Specific, helpful and kind feedback is given by staff and peers. • National benchmarks are used to ensure learners are achieving the appropriate level. • Moderation within and out with school is used to improve validity and reliability of judgements of progress and attainment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is manageable and clearly identifies what is to be learned and assessed in all areas of the curriculum. • Learners are involved in planning what they would like to learn. • Effective tracking & monitoring of attainment across all areas of the curriculum provides reliable and up to date data. • Gaps in learning are identified and addressed quickly. • Analysis of data informs improvement priorities, planning and practice. • Identified areas for improvement are monitored and measured for impact.

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