

TORRY PRIORITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education sets out 4 priorities for action:

Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy

- Torry Primary School and Hub will deliver expanded Childcare and Early Years Places which support both quality for children and enable parents and carers to access opportunities to work and study
- Increase the uptake of flexible early learning and childcare
- Deliver interventions appropriate to need such as BIG Noise Baby and Nursery, PEEP, ESOL and Book Bug
- Support families in need through the provision of the Priority Families Project

Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children

- Develop Family Projects such as the “Children’s Lighthouse Project” by the Children’s Parliament to connect families together through play, talking, eating and learning
- Increase uptake of free school meals and breakfast clubs during the year
- Provide inclusion and attainment activities taking a whole community approach such as Big Noise Torry
- Schools will utilise the Pupil Equity Fund to deliver targeted interventions to help close the poverty gap
- Provide greater alignment of holiday and afterschool provision to meet the needs of working parent’s
- Better coordinate services

Improvement in children and young people’s health and wellbeing

- Deliver innovative early intervention and prevention measures for those at risk of alcohol and substance
- enhance school and community based mental and sexual health interventions such as mindfulness
- Tackle obesity and weight gain by taking a joined up community asset and partner approach.
- Offer early intervention and prevention community safety initiatives with respect to anti-social behaviour,
- Develop a local response to Domestic Abuse by engaging with target communities and promoting campaigns such as the white ribbon campaign
- Develop Community based projects and interventions to deliver Multi Cultural and Intergenerational activities
- Improve play areas and natural play areas and invest in local assets such as the Skate Park

Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people

- Develop new volunteering schemes such as the Torry Young Police Volunteer Scheme
- Childcare is made affordable and accessible and we develop a qualified early years workforce from Torry
- We will design services for employability and employment progression locally and build on local job clubs
- The College will, with Torry Academy and DYW partners, develop specific strategies to assist in maximising the awareness and take-up of post-16 training opportunities locally