

Building the Curriculum
At
Bankton Primary School



Strategy Paper 1

Rights Respecting Schools

Introduction

The Bankton Learning Community

Bankton Primary School is a school in the heart of the community of Dedridge in Livingston, West Lothian. The catchment area covers part of Dedridge and Adambrae. Bankton Primary is included in West Lothian Council Decile Band 5 due to the school's free meal equivalent. Parts of Dedridge have well established extended families and many of the parents attended Bankton Primary themselves, so there is a strong and healthy affiliation and attachment to the school.

Dedridge is an area of Livingston where there is a real sense of ecological responsibility and care for the environment. Staff and pupils from the school are actively involved in the DEEP Group (Dedridge Ecological and Environmental Project Group). There are also strong links with West Lothian College and all schools within the James Young Cluster. All of these factors must be given cognisance when building a curriculum which is relevant to the needs of our pupils living in their community in the 21st Century.

The main drivers of the Bankton Curriculum Rationale are:

Getting It Right for Every Child

Raising Attainment

Health and Wellbeing

Across all stages of the school there are children with significant additional support needs. We aim to support these pupils to achieve their full potential and to become good citizens of the future.

Getting It Right for Every Child means that our curriculum is deeply rooted in the wellbeing indicators ensuring every Bankton pupil feels:

SAFE HEALTHY ACTIVE NURTURED ACHIEVING RESPECTED RESPONSIBLE & INCLUDED

Each one of these wellbeing indicators is important to the lives of our children. These are embedded in classroom practice and are visual messages around the school. Positive relationships are at the heart of our Curriculum Rationale and emotional wellbeing of pupils and staff, combined with mutual respect, are major priorities.