



# Personal Learning Planning

'Parents, carers and families are by far the most important influences in a child's life. Their support can play a vital role at all stages of education.' (Scottish Schools Parental Involvement Act 2006)

Research shows that children learn best when they:

- understand clearly what they are trying to learn
- know what is expected of them
- are given feedback about the quality of their work
- are given advice about how to improve their work
- are involved in deciding what needs to be done next
- know who can help them if they need it

Personal Learning Planning is a process that will give your child the opportunity to develop their understanding of what they need to do to improve their learning which will ultimately help your child become the very best that they can be!

## What does it involve?

Personal Learning Planning is a conversation about learning which will involve your child and their teacher in school then you at home. The conversation will focus on what your child is going to be learning, what evidence of achievements and progress will look like, and planning together for the next steps.

## When?

Personal Learning Planning will take place at the beginning of each term. At this time your child will have the opportunity to have a learning chat with their class teacher. We will do this three times over the school year - In August, January and April. PLPs and work will then go home so that you can share in your child's learning.

## What will it look like?

During your child's learning chat they will discuss their learning so far and what they think their next steps are. The targets that they set are based on what they think they need to do to improve their learning. At each review point your child will be asked to reflect upon learning and set targets within the areas of literacy, numeracy and HWB.

It is not only what your child learns in school that counts - children's achievements in out-of-school activities, such as successes in sport or music or wider interests, can also be recorded.

It is important to remember that it is the communication between you, your child and their teacher that will have the greatest impact, rather than the personal learning planning document itself. For this reason, you will be warmly encouraged to take some time to read the Plan with your child and offer feedback.

## How will my child benefit?

By participating in personal learning planning, your child can develop:

- greater responsibility for their own learning
- improved confidence and self-esteem
- a greater sense of involvement in planning for their own future

## How can you help?

The most important way you can help your child with their personal learning planning is to talk to them about what they are learning both in and out of school and how they think they are doing. Taking time to look over your child's work and the goals they have set and commenting positively will also help the children to move forward in their learning.

'It's not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.'