



Magherafelt Primary School

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Prospectus



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Welcome to our School -

At Magherafelt Primary School we aim to provide a safe and happy environment for our pupils. We pride ourselves in setting high standards throughout the school and encourage all of the school community to achieve their full potential.

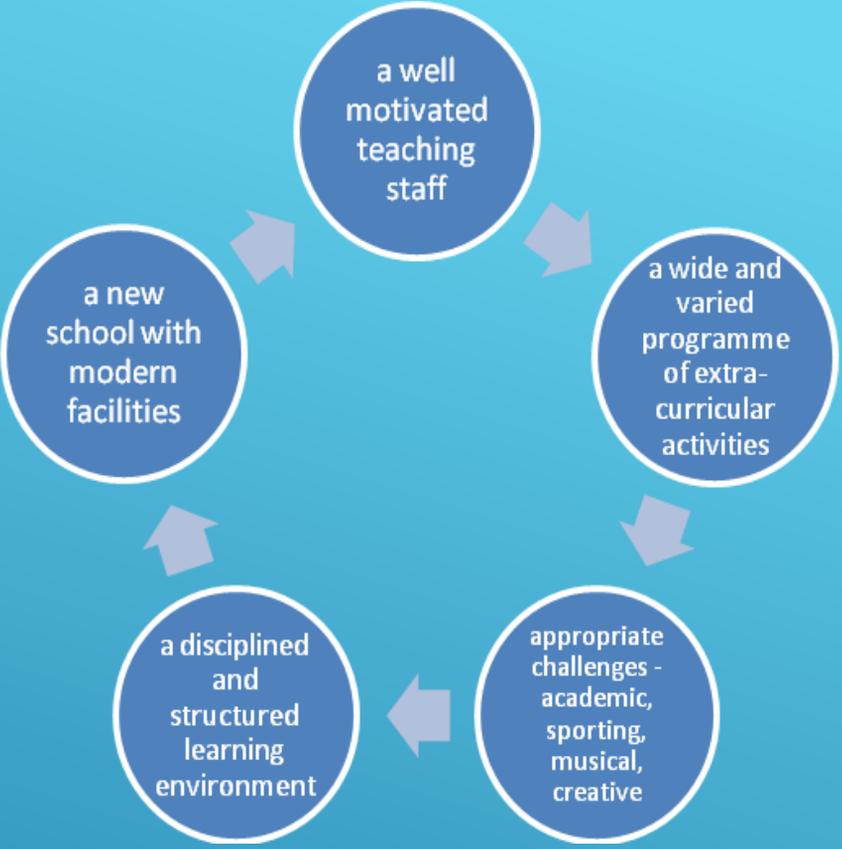
Vision and Aims

Magherafelt Primary School exists in a community in which pupils, staff, parents, the Board of Governors and other adults, contribute to their learning process, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and co-operation.

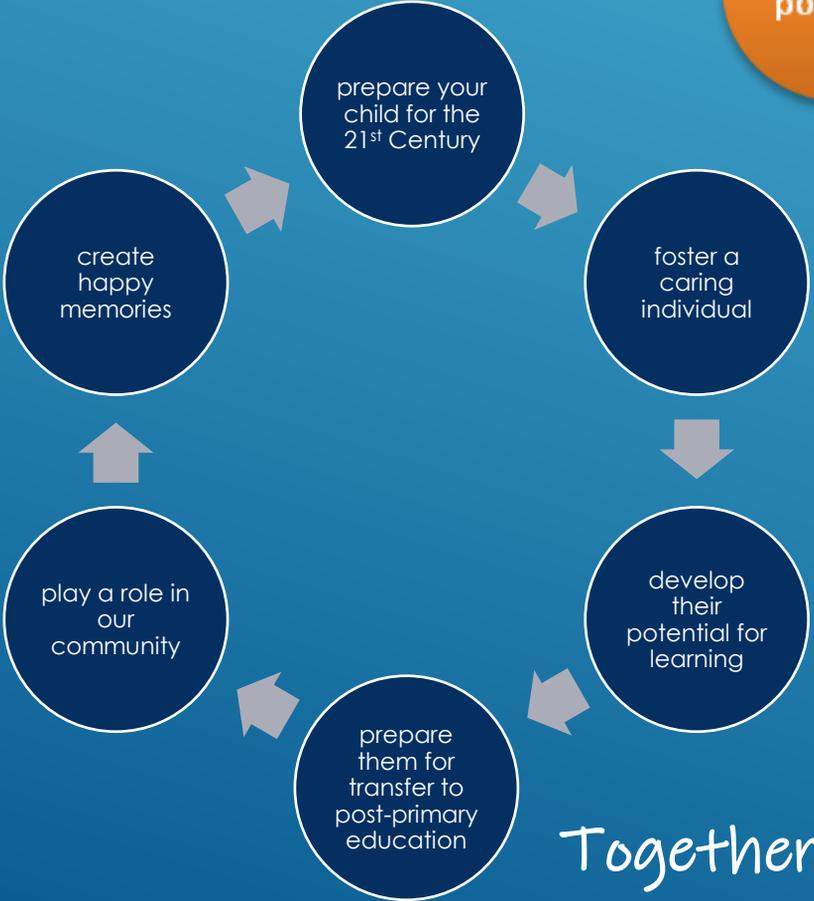
The aims of our school are –

- To promote the intellectual, spiritual, moral, cultural and physical development of our pupils.
- To provide a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum for each pupil.
- To encourage pupils to develop a positive attitude to learning.
- To encourage pupils' independent endeavour through the development of lively, inquiring minds and confident application to tasks.
- To provide pupils with a range of worthwhile experiences to assist all areas of learning and having developed appropriate skills, find enjoyment in their participation and thereby fulfil their potential.
- To foster a development of a personal Christian faith.
- To enable pupils to appreciate their environment, both in the school context and the wider community.
- To encourage pupils to develop habits of self-discipline and acceptable behaviour, to have respect for the opinions of others and consequently acquire the capacity to become contributory members of the community, both in school and beyond it.
- To prepare pupils for their teenage years and adult life, at home, in the workplace and at leisure, as co-operative and useful members of the local community and society in general.

We offer your child:



Your child brings to us:



Together we can:

Pastoral Care

We create a safe, secure and happy environment for our children. Every child is welcomed and valued as an individual who plays a role within school. All the talents of our children are celebrated.

Safeguarding and Pastoral care are reflected throughout all areas of the curriculum and the school ethos in general. All members of staff have a responsibility for the welfare of the pupils and deal with issues in a sympathetic manner.

We also provide an environment in which our children feel valued and work together with staff to create a rich learning environment. Our Positive Behaviour Policy also reflects our values and the contributions made by the whole school community.

Our designated teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Doherty, who can be contacted through the school office. All matters pertaining to Safeguarding and Child Protection will be treated sensitively and given due and appropriate confidentiality.



The Curriculum

At Magherafelt Primary School we are constantly striving to ensure the Curriculum meets the needs of our children and reflects the ethos of our school. We encourage each and every one of our pupils to reach their full potential in all areas of school life.



Foundation Stage

Primary 1 and Primary 2 make up the Foundation Stage and seek to build on pre-school experiences.

The Northern Ireland Curriculum states the aims of this stage are to –

- promote children's personal development;
- promote positive attitudes and dispositions to learning;
- promote children's Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities;
- encourage creativity and imagination;
- enable children to develop physical confidence competence;
- develop children's curiosity and interest in the World Around them;
- enable the children to communicate in a variety of ways;
- motivate children to develop Literacy and Numeracy skills in a meaningful way.

We provide active, practical and enjoyable learning experiences for our children enabling them to achieve their full potential.





Key Stage 1

Primary 3 and Primary 4 build on the experiences from the Foundation Stage in a slightly more formal way. We continue to develop the children's personal, social and emotional skills as well the cross curricular skills of Using Mathematics, Communication, Using ICT and Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities.



Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2 the children further extend their skills and knowledge across all learning areas. In preparation for lifelong learning, the children are encouraged to work collaboratively as well as take responsibility for their own learning.





Positive Behaviour

Our school Positive Behaviour Policy aims to establish and maintain high standards throughout school, allowing the children to respect the school and each other. The school rules are reinforced in class and also through school assemblies.

Positive reinforcement is encouraged and positive behaviour is rewarded through the school badge system. Various awards also encourage a positive approach to behaviour and discipline.

A copy of the Positive Behaviour Policy is available for all parents.



Assessment and Reporting

Assessment is carried out continuously throughout the year using a variety of methods—both formal and informal.

The assessment results are shared and discussed with parents during the school year.

Parent / Teacher interviews will be held during the first and second school terms.

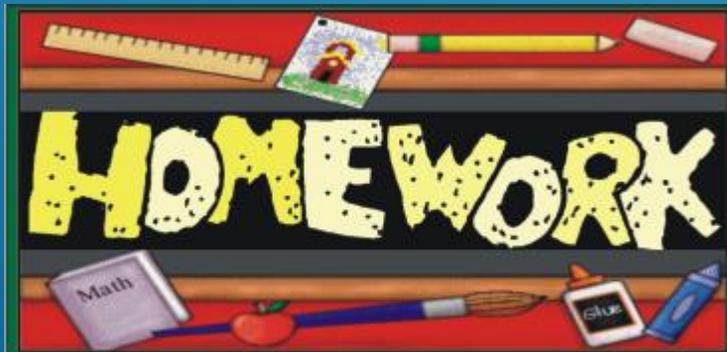
Parents may make an appointment at any time to discuss issues pertaining to their child / children.

An annual report will be issued for each child in June.



Homework

Homework is valued by our school and provides a link between home and school. Each year group will receive regular homework which will include spellings, reading and a written activity. The amount of time expected to be spent on this work will vary from 10-15 minutes at Foundation Stage to approximately 30 minutes at Key Stage Two.



After-School Activities

We believe very strongly that after-school activities are very important to the development of our pupils.

These activities may include

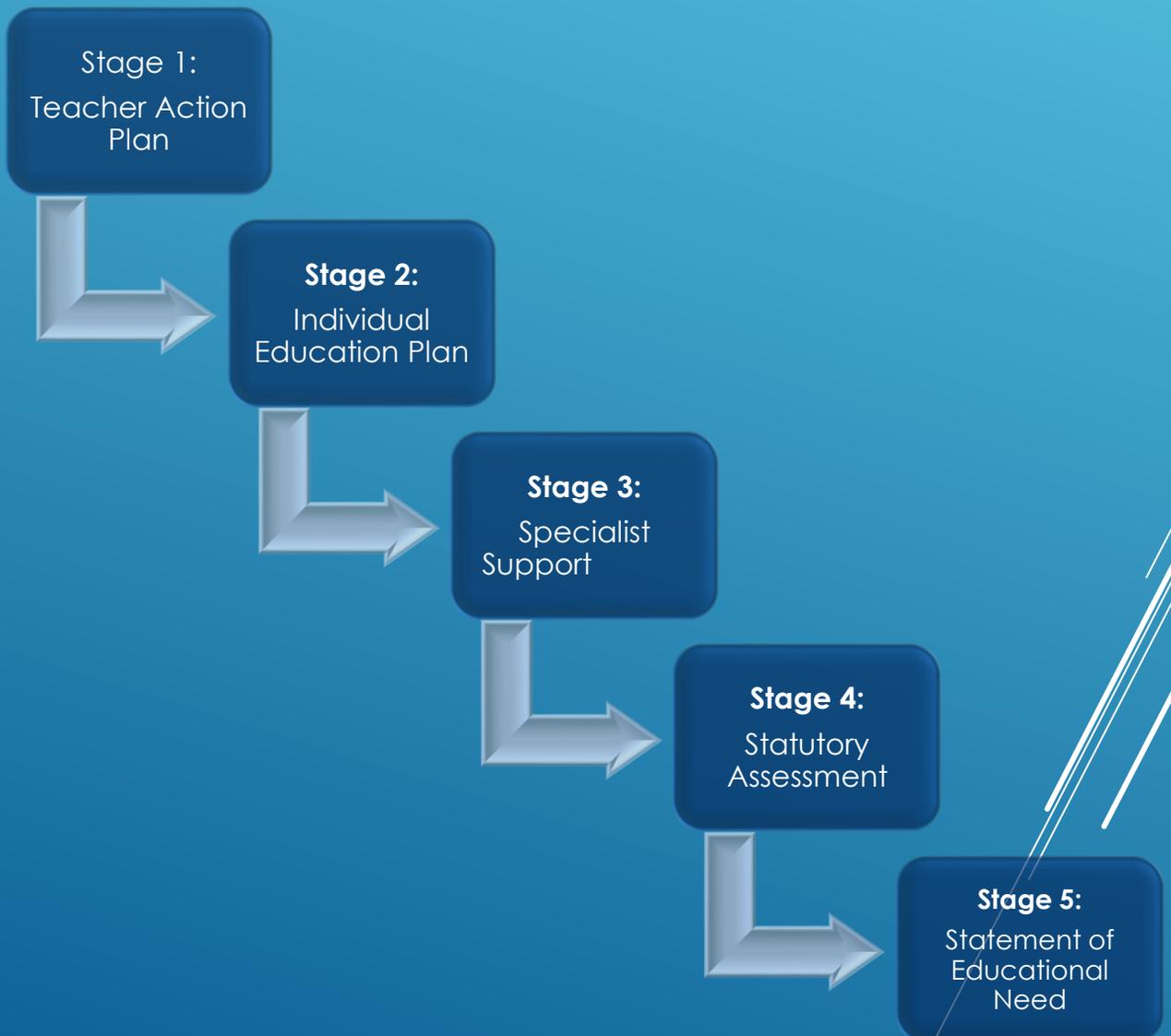
- Hockey
- Dodgeball
- Art & Design
- Football
- Drama
- Chess
- Cookery
- Choir



Special Educational Needs

Every effort is made to assist pupils who may have an additional need. Our policy is to identify any additional needs at an early stage and strive to address these within the class setting. We also offer additional Literacy support in small group settings.

At times it may be necessary to ask for additional support from the outside agencies. The stages for this are as follows:



Remissions

Education in Magherafelt Primary School is provided free of charge for all lessons and activities connected with the child's entitlement under the Education Reform order, e.g. Books and materials.

Exceptions to this are –

1. All board, lodging and travel costs on residential trips (except where statutory remissions apply).
2. Cost associated with optional extras e.g. Visits to the theatre, swimming or extra-curricular activities.
3. Music lessons provided by The Education Authority Music Service.



Uniform

The wearing of uniform is required and can be purchased through local suppliers.

Boys

- School sweatshirt
- School polo shirt (yellow or blue)
- Grey trousers
- Grey school shorts
- Black shoes



Girls

- School sweatshirt
- School polo shirt (yellow or blue)
- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- Grey or white socks
- Black shoes
- School summer dress



A school PE kit is also available for purchase.

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