



Bushvalley Primary School

School Development Plan

Parent Information 2025/2026



Our future depends on building upon the experiences of the past, learning from the present and preparing for the challenges of the future.





Introduction

What is the School Development Plan?

The School Development Plan (SDP) is a strategic plan for improvement. The SDP contains the long term priorities and ambitions, which the school wishes to work towards and also short term actions, which will ensure that the long term priorities are achieved.

The School Development Plan has been compiled with the aim of ensuring the improvement of learning outcomes for our pupils and the wider community. The 2025/2026 target areas for improvement have been based on the following:

- Views of pupils, parents, staff and governors
- ISEF (Inspection and self-evaluation Framework)
- Assessment: Tracking and Monitoring
- Curriculum Coordinator Action Plans

Digital copies of our new School Development Plan (2025-2028) are available from the school website.

www.bushvalleyyps.co.uk

Our School Development Plan is centered on key areas such as:

- Child Centered Provision
- Safeguarding & Child Protection
- Pastoral Care
- Teaching and Learning
- School Leadership
- School Community

Child Centered Provision

We support our pupils with a child centered provision:

- School Intervention Programmes; Learning Support & Booster Sessions
- PLP's in place for SEN pupils
- Whole School Provision Map with strategies and provisions
- Differentiated Teaching
- Parents are consulted and work together to ensure best outcomes.
- Being Well Doing Well Programme
- Addressing Bullying In Schools Team (ABSIT) Training
- Staff work in collaboration with external agencies e.g. education welfare officer, educational psychologist, social workers, RISE
- Staff Development to ensure high standards of teaching and learning
- Online/Digital packages e.g. Talk Boost, Seesaw Testwise, Mathletics & AR.





Development Priorities



Teaching and Learning

Bushvalley has a highly motivated, committed and dedicated staff who work hard to ensure that high standards of teaching and learning are maintained.

The school has established curriculum coordinators.

Literacy (Coordinator: Mrs E Bartlett)

Our aim is to broaden our range of guided reading material and implement a clear guided reading progression from P1-P7. Our key focus is also to enhance pupil's expressive language in oral and written form. This will be done through training in early speech, language and communication skills through Talk Boost. Staff will also continue to implement the effective teaching of creative writing.



Numeracy (Coordinator: Mrs Z McNabney)

Teachers will continue to embed strategies from our new Numeracy scheme, Busy Ants. Our school levels of progression for Numeracy will be developed over the next three years with a focus this year on Number and Shape and Space. We aim to continue to consolidate on our previous hard work with targeting under achievement in the area of problem solving.



UICT (Coordinator: Mrs McCann)

Our aim is to raise children's digital literacy skills through regular use of ICT technology. These skills will be further developed and enhanced through our new Chrome Book technology. Staff will avail of opportunities to embrace new uses of Assistive Technologies to enhance pupil's learning. Bushvalley will also be proactive with E-Safety through the Safer Schools App.



WAU/Eco-Schools (Coordinator: Mrs Johnston)

We aim to develop our own Forest School area. This will enable us to build upon and enhance our outdoor learning for the children. We aim to provide valuable TPL for all staff for outdoor learning. We will also continue to implement strategies for maintaining our Green Flag Eco-Schools status.





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The Arts (Arts Coordinator: Miss C Stinson)

We will maintain the high standards of progress made over the past few years within; The Arts. Our school choir is well established and will continue to perform at community and school events e.g. Celebration of the Arts. The choir will also be represented at Music Festival events e.g. Coleraine Music Festival and Peace Proms.



Emotional Health & Wellbeing (Coordinator: Mrs C Irwin)

At Bushvalley, we recognise the importance of the voice of the child and we will maintain 'Pupil Voice' roles. Spiritual development at Bushvalley is developed through whole school assemblies and RE lessons using Bible Time booklets. The school is funding a private counsellor to address the emotional and wellbeing needs of the pupils. Staff will receive ABSIT training on Addressing Bullying in Schools and workshops will be completed with the school community. We are a 'Being Well Doing Well' school and are currently on Year 3 of our action plan, which seeks to address the emotional health and wellbeing needs of the school community.



SEN (SENCo's: Mrs C Irwin & Miss K McCook)

We will continue to prioritise school interventions; Literacy/Numeracy booster sessions, individual learning support and dyslexia screeners. PLP's are in place and discussed/agreed with parents/guardians. There is a school provision map in place to ensure that staff are utilising all resources available to meet the needs of the children. The school will implement the new 'Graduated Response' for SEN Children.



Communication

Parents have access to ParentMail, Seesaw (communication between staff/parents), the school website and a Facebook page, all of which are regularly updated.

ParentMail



Seesaw

School Community

We aim to further strengthen links with the community through events such as; Wellbeing Evenings, Workshops, Coffee Mornings, PTA Events & links with the playgroup. We will continue to liaise with local community representatives and initiatives.



Shared Education

Bushvalley is in a Shared Education Partnership with St Patrick's Glenariffe. All pupils in P1, P4 and P6 will have 30 hours for shared education where they will engage in joint learning. Staff will carry out joint planning and CPD.



Physical Education

Continued use of Core NI programme alongside teacher planners.



Buildings/Maintenance

Health and Safety inspections of the premises are carried out by V. Hanna & C. Irwin. The school will continue to pursue their request for additional accommodation space.