



Creative and enterprising experiences in Aberdeenshire which provide:

- Interdisciplinary learning opportunities across the curriculum which promote creativity and encourage play, problem solving, innovation, experimentation, independence and critical thinking.
- Practical activities that develop enterprising skills and attitudes eg positive attitude, self-awareness, decision making, responsibility, ambition, reflection, co-operation, leadership, risk taking and informed decision making; a 'can do' approach.
- Learning opportunities which emphasise the importance of teamwork, independent thinking and the presentation of information. Experiencing and learning from failure as well as from success.
- Entrepreneurial approaches to learning activities in and beyond the classroom where young people will experience leadership and achieve success in different areas of creativity.
- Opportunities to develop pre vocational, employability, personal and cognitive skills which put learning into a practical context.
- Direct access to creative and enterprising people and resources.
- A wide and varied set of contexts in which to learn both inside and outside the classroom including real and virtual contexts for learning.
- An awareness of their contribution to a smart, successful and internationally competitive Scotland and the need to take an active part in enhancing our global profile.



Vocational experiences in Aberdeenshire which provide:

- Opportunities for entrepreneurial learning giving young people the chance to experience the risk and responsibility of real business through their experiences.
- A clear focus on skills for work and skills for life through direct engagement with employers and development of new courses linked to the local economy to develop "industry ready" young people.
- Access to vocational learning including at least one work placement.
- Careers guidance and activities that helps young people make connections between learning and work and to recognise the contribution they can make to the local and global economy.
- Opportunities which equip young people, at every stage of their learning, with the knowledge to make informed decisions and reasoned evaluations about their future.
- Support at key transition phases to help ensure progress into positive and sustained destinations.

Within each learning community the emphasis given to each of the entitlements will vary to suit local circumstances.

The full 3 –18 Curriculum Framework document is available on Aberdeenshire Council's website at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Towards the very best...

A Curriculum Framework 3-18 for Aberdeenshire

ENTITLEMENTS



All of our children and young people are entitled to a range of exciting and motivating learning experiences which prepare them for their future.



A coherent 3–18 curriculum in Aberdeenshire which promotes high quality attainment and achievement and which provides:

- A broad general education which is responsive to changing needs and local circumstances and which is motivating and relevant.
- A senior phase with a range of courses which are motivating, relevant and dynamic and offer the choice to gain qualifications and develop talent.
- The development of skills for learning, skills for life, skills for work throughout the curriculum and linked to our local economy.
- Planned experiences and outcomes across all curricular areas with a continuous focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing (including early teaching in modern languages).
- Access to high quality personal and pastoral support at times of transition and ongoing opportunities to develop the 4 capacities of a Curriculum for Excellence.
- Opportunities and support to move into positive and sustained destinations.
- Personal access to new technologies to support creativity and learning.
- An appreciation and understanding of sustainable development.
- Recognition of achievement in its widest sense.



Cultural experiences in Aberdeenshire which provide:

- Direct experience, participation and performance with creative practitioners.
- Access to and involvement in local cultural traditions.
- Multi-cultural activities which celebrate and reflect Aberdeenshire's diverse communities and which promote international education and the understanding of different beliefs and cultures.
- Access to the resources of Aberdeenshire's Arts, Museums and Libraries.
- Opportunities to develop and communicate their own beliefs and views of the world.



Environmental experiences in Aberdeenshire which provide:

- Learning in, about and through the full range of environments in Aberdeenshire – physical, historical and built.
- Opportunities to evaluate environmental, scientific and technological issues and the development of informed choices, decisions and ethical views.
- Opportunities to participate in a range of outdoor learning activities.



Health and wellbeing in Aberdeenshire which provides:

- Opportunities to pursue a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Continuous and progressive participation in physical activity.
- Opportunities to develop skills for independent living, active citizenship and financial capability.
- Learning opportunities which promote physical, social and emotional wellbeing.
- Learning opportunities which teach children their rights and promotes respect and responsibility in a variety of new situations.
- Opportunities for active involvement in, and contribution to, their local communities and wider global and sustainable issues.
- Opportunities to take part in voluntary work and community service.
- Ongoing opportunities to develop Health Promoting Schools, ECO Schools and Rights Respecting Schools.
- Visits to significant local environments (such as Cairngorm National Park).
- Opportunities to appreciate Aberdeenshire's unique environment and play an active part in its conservation and sustainability.
- Opportunities to develop knowledge and understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it.