### Excellent learning and teaching — what does it look like?

Excellent learning and teaching takes many different forms, however some features will **always** be present:

- strong, mutually respectful relationships between teacher and learners;
- well planned learning with clear learning intentions and success criteria;
- learning needs of all being met;
- safe, well organised learning environment;
- active learning in which all learners are involved and have a voice;
- awareness and understanding of prior learning;
- assessment as part of learning;
- development of higher order thinking skills; and
- development of literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing

Leading to all pupils making appropriate progress.

Other features will **often** be present:

- use of digital technologies to support and enhance learning;
- group work/cooperative and collaborative learning;
- development of creativity skills; and
- dialogue between teacher and learner about learning, progress and next steps.

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For more information on supporting your child in school:

https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/
It is the Vision of Lockerbie Academy

To provide excellence and equity in education by providing:
- the highest standards
- the right opportunities
- the widest and best set of skills and qualifications.

To create and sustain a nurturing environment:
- where pupils feel safe and valued in our school
- to ensure pupils are ready for life beyond school.

Aims
The aims of this policy summary are to:
- exemplify excellent learning and teaching; and
- give an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of pupils and parents / carers with regard to learning and teaching.

Roles and Responsibilities
Every member of our school community plays an important role in delivering inspirational and empowering teaching which promotes excellent and aspirational learning for all pupils.

Pupil Role
As a pupil at Lockerbie Academy, you are entitled to experience high quality teaching. Your role is to take advantage of that high quality teaching and turn it into high quality learning. To be ready to learn, we expect you to:
1. be prepared and on time;
2. actively participate in class lessons;
3. stay up-to-date on Teams;
4. be aware of learning intentions and success criteria;
5. be able to work on your own and avoid distractions;
6. work with others and be a valuable member of groups and teams;
7. try things before asking for help;
8. accept failure without giving up and retry when necessary;
9. use feedback to improve your work and make it the best it can be;
10. consolidate your learning with homework and independent study;
11. be aware of and talk about your own progress and next steps in learning; and
12. transfer skills between areas of learning.

Parent / Carer Role
As parents and carers of pupils at Lockerbie Academy, you play a crucial role in ensuring that pupils benefit fully from the learning and teaching provided. If we work together, we can raise the attainment, achievement and life chances of all our young people. We expect you to:
1. communicate and work with the school in a positive way in order to support the learning and development of pupils;
2. provide a home environment where learning both in and out of school is valued and expectations are high;
3. support your child / children by taking an interest in their learning:
   - ask questions and create opportunities to discuss learning and other aspects of their school life
   - monitor the pupil planner
   - attend parents’ evenings and other school events;
4. support the school policy for home learning and independent study; and
5. provide school uniform and basic equipment as per school guidelines.