

Education Vision and Strategy

We want to gather your views about what education in Argyll and Bute means to you. You are the children and young people in education, therefore you are at the centre of all we do. Your voice matters.



We will also gather views of parents/carers, staff and partners.

The views we gather will help us refresh our Vision and Strategy so that we can continue to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children and young people.

Why do we need this?

There are many things to think about in education to make sure all of you are able to learn and progress.

Some of these go across lots of countries such as Children's Rights. Some are for Scotland and tell schools and adults what we must provide for children and young people and how we do this.



Some are for Argyll and Bute and schools so that we get it right for children and young people in different communities.

But..

What is a vision?

- ▶ Having a shared vision means that we are all working towards the same thing, just like your school vision.



What is a strategy?

- ▶ Having a strategy tells us how we will all work together towards the vision.

The strategy is the plan of action that will help achieve your goal.

The Consultation

A consultation is a way for you to tell someone your thoughts and feelings about a question.

In the consultation you will be asked what words and or short phrases you think are important when you think about your education?

For example do you think kindness is very important, maybe perseverance?

You can choose to add one word or a few.

You will then be asked what you think of the current strategy. Be honest...

The link to the feedback sheet for group discussions can be found here <https://forms.gle/kpmUHzdVWG8AsYyz9>

Or you can put it into a word document and email. A copy of the feedback sheet in word can be found in the Guidance Notes Group Discussion.



Discussion Part 1, Education

Let's start talking about education.

What do you want from education? What do you think learning settings and establishments are for?

What does success for our children and young people look like?

What role do we play in making success happen?

Discussion Part 2, Our Vision

Our current vision:

- ▶ ***together we will realise ambition, excellence and equality for all.***

What do you think these words mean?

Do you think they are important in your setting and when you are learning?



Discussion Part 2, The National Vision

The National Discussion vision states that:

Children and young people are at the heart of all education.

All learners are supported in **inclusive** learning environments which are **safe, welcoming** and **caring**.

Each child and young person in Scotland has **high-quality** learning experiences which respect their **rights** and **diversity**.

Are there other words that you think are important when we are thinking or talking about education and learning?



The current strategy

There are 6 strategic objectives.

- ▶ Raise educational attainment and achievement for all
- ▶ • Use performance information to secure improvement for children and young people
- ▶ • Ensure children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed
- ▶ • Equip young people to secure and sustain positive destinations and achieve success in life
- ▶ • Ensure high quality partnership working and community engagement
- ▶ • Strengthen leadership at all levels



Discussion Part 3, Our Current Strategy

A strategy sets out the steps to achieve our vision.

Out of the 6 strategic statements:

Do you understand what they mean?

What does this look like in your school?

We want you to think which are important or not important.

Should the language be changed to be more user friendly by everyone?

Do you think something important has been missed?



What happens now?

You will be given time in school to complete the consultation questionnaire on-line or you can complete at home.

The school will arrange for groups to meet to talk about this further and give collective views, such as this group now.

Your parents/carers at home will also have the consultation and information. Talk to them about it, share ideas and encourage them to have their voice heard.

We will also be letting lots of different people and groups across Argyll and Bute who are involved in education know about the consultation so they can join in if they want to.



How will we use the information gathered?

At the end of the consultation all responses will be collated to help us find out what matters to pupils, staff, parents and partners. This will help create our vision and how we will achieve this through our strategy.



The draft vision and strategy will be available for everyone to comment before forming our refreshed Education Vision and Strategy.