



Westray Junior High School School Improvement Plan

Our school aims:

- Sharing creative, challenging and enjoyable learning in a safe and supportive environment
- Developing self-awareness and an understanding of the needs of others.
- Being responsible and treating each other fairly.
- Celebrating the culture and quality of life on our island.
- Actively learning and working together as a community.

Our development aims this year:

Attainment and progress at Westray school is already good, however of course there is always room for improvement. This year, we will be working on raising attainment and progress by doing three key things:

1. **Teaching:** Class teachers reflecting on and adapting their daily teaching practices, working towards making every lesson as engaging and challenging as possible.
2. **Assessment and Tracking:** Education Scotland have published new “benchmarks”. These are documents that list the things children should be able to do by the end of each level. Class teachers will be working out how to use these in their planning and teaching so that all our children make even better progress in their learning. “Tracking” is the process that we use to make sure that children do not fall behind, and that if they do, we try to work out what extra help they need to catch up. This year, we will be working on making our tracking system work even more effectively.
3. **Self-Evaluation:** We want to continue the work we have started this year on self-evaluation, so that we all know and agree on our strengths and the areas that we want to improve. We are particularly keen to involve parents more in this process this year, so will be asking for your thoughts and feedback regularly.

