

Establishment: Clober Early Years Centre 2025-26 IMPROVEMENT PLAN













Framework for Centre Improvement Planning 2025/2026

| Section 1: Centre Information and 3 Year Improvement Plan Priorities | | | |
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| Early Years Centre | Clober Early Years Centre | | |
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Centre Statement: Vision, Values & Aims and Curriculum Rationale

Vision, Values and Aims

Vision

To provide a safe, nurturing, stimulating and inclusive environment where all children can be curious, creative and explore all environments in a holistic way. We encourage children to take risks, challenging themselves, to respect themselves, each other, their communities and environment. We will provide appropriate, responsive, differentiated, challenging learning experiences for all children to participate in, to enable all children to develop their capabilities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.

Aspire, Respect, Achieve, Enjoy

Our Values

Our values are based on what we believe to be the important building blocks of a successful centre. We recognise the impact of early childhood experiences and value the rights and wellbeing of the children in our care. We recognise and value the contribution families can make to improve our service. By getting feedback from our parents/carers, allows us to reflect upon our practice, and evaluate our current practices. We work in partnership with other agencies and our communities to promote the welfare of our children.

Our Aims

- **S-SAFE-** Be knowledgeable and respectful of all current nursery's policies and procedures, ensuring these are being followed at all times to eliminate hazards to ensure we have the safest of environments for children to learn.
- **H-HEALTHY-** To provide children with a healthy snack and lunch option daily, and opportunities to participate in different exercise activities both indoors and outdoors.



- **A-ACHIEVING-** Provide children with an inspiring and stimulating environment for them to grow and learn, ensuring all children reach their full potential.
- N-NURTURED- To provide an environment were all children feel safe, are listened to, where all their feelings and emotions are acknowledged.
- **A-ACTIVE-** To provide children with exciting and stimulating experiences, both indoors and outdoors for all children to participate in.
- R-RESPECTED- Continue to build positive relationships with all children, their parents and carers and extended community.
- R-RESPONSIBLE- To encourage and support children's independence, enabling our children to become confident and resilient individuals.
- I-INCLUDED- Provide an inclusive learning environment where all individuals are given a voice and are listened to.

| | Looking Forwards – 3 Year Improvement Plan Priorities Bullet point key priorities for the next 3 years | | | | | |
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| Session | 2025/2026 | 2027/2028 | | | | |
| Priority 1 | Including every learner - Up, up and Away | | | | | |
| Priority 2 | Planning and Curriculum approaches | | | | | |
| Priority 3 | STEM | STEM | | | | |



| Section 2: Improvement Priority 1 | | | |
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| Early Years Centre | Clober Early Years Centre | | |
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| Improvement Priority | Including every learner - Up, up and Away | | |
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| Person(s) | HT, DHoC, NT, EP, SEYW, EYW, EYSW | | |
| Responsible | | | |
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| NIF Priority | NIF Driver | HGIOELC QIs | CI Quality Framework QIs | EDC Service Plan 2024-2027 |
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| Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing; Placing human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education Choose an item. | Curriculum and assessment Teacher and Practitioner professionalism Parent/carer engagement and family learning | QI 2.4 Personalised Support Q! 2.1 Safeguarding and Child protection QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching & Assessment | 1.1nurturing care and support 2.1 Quality of the setting for play and learning 1.2 Children are safe and protected | Improvement in children and young people's mental health and wellbeing Placing the human needs and rights of every child and young person at the centre of education Choose an item. |



| Resource Requirements |
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| Up, up an Away Documentation, Staff training, observations |
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| Professional Learning | Parental Engagement and Involvement |
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| Whole staff team in-service training | Parental involvement though use of paperwork for identified |
| Support from EP | children |
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| Outcomes/Expected | Tasks/Interventions | Measures | Timescale(s) | Progress |
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| Impact | | | | |
| Outcomes for learners. | Activities agreed through PDR processes – e.g. leadership / champion roles. Professional Learning Learning and Teaching interventions | What ongoing information will demonstrate progress? Identify qualitative, quantitative, evaluative pre and post measures | What are the key dates for implementation? When will outcomes be measured? | |
| Introduce the Up Up and | All Practitioners attend | Facilitate and review | August 2025 | |
| Away document (Circle) | Inservice day training or | Practitioner attendance at | | |
| | inhouse training provided is attendance not possible for | training. | | |
| | all. | Professional Learning record. | | |
| | Identified Practitioners (Mentor) and Senior Management to attend PLCs and online training. | Distribute documentation and ensure all practitioner engagement with the resource. | | |



| | | Pre and post questionnaires to practitioners on their skills/knowledge. Evaluation of learning collated and distributed to all practitioners. | |
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| Through Practitioner implementation of the documentation almost all children will all feel included and supported within the centre by a whole team approach. | Mentor will work through identified stages of the documentation guided by the PLC team. Record of progress using audit tools on environment. | Complete audit tools and identify actions from the literacy rich environment tool. Create action plan and implement priority. | December 2025 |
| | Provide opportunities for parental engagement. | Parent feedback. | |
| All children will feel supported to access an environment that is inclusive and literacy rich. | Create a literacy rich action plan through Practitioner observations and review of areas. | Review progress through action plan, led by Management and Champion. Resource audit. Improved resources. | August 2025 – ongoing |
| Mentor will have and increased awareness of providing an inclusive learning environment and will ensure a collaborative working approach is supported in the team to | Opportunities to visit pilot centres to review their practice. Engagement with the resources in the Glow Team tile. | Opportunities and time allocated for Mentor to engage with Practitioners to support implementation across the setting and gather observations and evaluations. | August 2025 – ongoing |



| improve outcomes for children. | Coaching support given to practitioners by Mentor. Support from ELST and QIO. | Create a PDSA or 6-week sprint for individual identified areas of the setting to review. Floor books with pre and post photos, observations and comments. | |
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| Almost all children will feel listened to and supported where children will receive purposeful and meaningful interactions from staff. | Staff will be introduced to the Reflective tool for Enriching Communication. Practitioner reflection on communication practice. | Reflective tool to be used by practitioners as a self-reflective tool and as part of peer observations. Evaluate and review and evaluate improvements. | October 2025 |
| Mentor practitioner to become familiar with the variety of tools within the documentation to support child progress | Risk and Resilience tool Observation Tools Identify stages tool Wellbeing Tool | Improved understanding of child's developmental stage. Improved action plan outcomes and targets for individual children. | November 2025 |
| Mentors will support identified practitioners to implement action plans for child as required | Child action plans further developed. SMART targets will ensure that all children have specific individual targets that can be measured and achieved to meet their learning needs. | Review by SMT Feedback from parents and TAC. Review of targets for individual children. | January 2025 |



| All staff to evaluate Year 1 | Regular evaluation | Practitioner questionnaires | April 2026 | |
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| of Up, Up and Away to | opportunities to provide | | | |
| ensure deeper | opportunity for feedback. | | | |
| implementation across the | | | | |
| team and embed in the | | | | |
| setting to provide positive | | | | |
| outcomes for children. | | | | |



| Section 2: Improvement Priority 2 | | | |
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| Early Years Centre | Clober Early Years Centre | | |
| Improvement Priority 2 | Planning and Curriculum approaches | | |
| Person(s) Responsible | HT, DHoC, NT, SEYW, EYSW, ELST, QIO | | |

| NIF Priority | NIF Driver | HGIOELC QIs | CI Quality Framework QIs | EDC Service Plan 2024-2027 |
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| Choose an item. • Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people; • Improvement in achievement, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. | Teacher and Practitioner professionalism Curriculum and assessment Choose an item. | QI 1.2 Leadership of Learning QI 2.2 Curriculum QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching & Assessment QI 3.2 Ensuring children's progress | 2.1 Quality of the setting for play and learning 3.2 leadership of play and learning 3.2 leadership of play and learning | Improvement in attainment in literacy and English Improvement in attainment in numeracy and Maths Choose an item. |

| Opportunities for Leadership | Resource Requirements |
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| Whole staff team – DHoC, NT, SEYW, EYW, EYSW | New resources for centre to support leadership areas |
| All staff will have opportunity to lead on an identified area within | |
| the centre. | |
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| Professional Learning | Parental Engagement and Involvement |
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| Staff to attend CPD linking to identified leadership area Staff visit other centres to see/share good practice Play pedagogy professional learning Central team support | Parental involvement in e-journals |

| Outcomes/Expected Impact | Tasks/Interventions | Measures | Timescale(s) | Progress |
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| Outcomes for learners. | Activities agreed through PDR processes – e.g. leadership / champion roles. Professional Learning Learning and Teaching interventions | What ongoing information will demonstrate progress? Identify qualitative, quantitative, evaluative pre and post measures | What are the key dates for implementation? When will outcomes be measured? | |
| | Staff identify leadership areas for yearly focus | Leadership choice sheet | August 2025 | |
| Effective team working to improve opportunities for children within the centre | Review layout of centre by DHoC & NT to create more effective learning zones | Centre map layout Staff meeting minutes | August 2025 | |
| | Small working teams to be created for room working and planning | Staff meeting minutes | August 2025 | |
| | 8 week rotation of area planning to be introduced | Planning rota created | August 2025 – ongoing | |
| Increase staff training and awareness of improvement | Provocations training sessions by ELST to share good practice and support staff team in understanding child led planning | PowerPoint presentation Supporting paperwork Staff questionnaire | August 2025 & February 2026 | |



| strategies to support more effective child lead planning within the centre. | PDSA/self -evaluation training session with QIO to support staff understanding of improvement processes. | PowerPoint presentation Supporting paperwork PDSA paperwork | August 2025 |
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| | All staff participate in literacy audit to support improvement of opportunities for children | Literacy audit Inservice day agendas Staff meeting Audits | September 2025 January 2026 April 2026 |
| | All staff participate in numeracy audit to support improvement of opportunities for children | Planning Numeracy audit Inservice day agendas Staff meeting minutes Audits Planning | September 2025 January 2026 April 2026 |
| | Staff attend EDC training – with feedback to staff team at staff meetings | Training calendar PowerPoint presentation & training notes Staff meeting minutes | September 2025 Ongoing |
| Support from SLT in identified areas to improve | DHoC, NT, ELST& QIO review planning paperwork to improve record keeping | Focus visit timetable Action plan | October 2025 Monthly |
| staff practice for more effective engagement with children learning and | Planning and observations training from QIO & ELST | PowerPoint presentation Staff feedback Example documentation | October 2025 |
| planning processes. | Review NT roles and responsibilities within centre Looking at WTA with HT & QIO | WTA document Collegiate calendar | August 2025 |
| | Development of guidance booklet for staff to support: | Guidance documentation | September 2025 |



| planning, floorbook and | | |
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| ejournals uploads | | |
| Regular review of planning | DHoC Month review calendar | September 2025 |
| to give staff feedback | EYC Collegiate calendar | 6 weekly |
| Regular review of e-journals | DHoC Month review calendar | Deecmber 2025 |
| to give staff feedback | EYC Collegiate calendar | 6 weekly |
| SLT learning walks to | EYC Collegiate calendar | 1 per planning |
| monitor environment and | feedback for staff | rotation |
| engagement in practice. | | |



| Section 2: Improvement Priority 3 | | |
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| Early Years Centre | Clober Early Years Centre | |
| Improvement Priority 3 | STEM | |
| Person(s) Responsible | HT, DHoC, NT, SEYW, EYW, EYSW, | |

| NIF Priority | NIF Driver | HGIOELC QIs | CI Quality Framework QIs | EDC Service Plan 2024-2027 |
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| Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people; Improvement in achievement, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing; | Curriculum and assessment Teacher and Practitioner professionalism Choose an item. | QI 2.2 Curriculum QI 3.3 Developing creativity and skills for life and learning Choose an item. | 2.1 Quality of the setting for play and learning Choose an item. Choose an item. | Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged Choose an item. |

| Opportunities for Leadership | Resource Requirements |
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| Whole staff team – DHoC, NT, SEYW, EYW, EYSW | Self-evaluation and audit of centre |
| STEM champions | STEM resources |
| Collaborative working with peers | |
| Visiting other centres | |
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| Professional Learning | Parental Engagement and Involvement |
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| STEM training from EDC | Develop HomeLink's |
| STEM nation award scheme – information and resources | Share good practice through e-journals |
| ELST support | Curriculum evening |
| | STEM stay and play |
| | World of work event |

| Outcomes/Expected Impact | Tasks/Interventions | Measures | Timescale(s) | Progress |
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| Outcomes for learners. | Activities agreed through PDR processes – e.g. leadership / champion roles. Professional Learning Learning and Teaching interventions | What ongoing information will demonstrate progress? Identify qualitative, quantitative, evaluative pre and post measures | What are the key dates for implementation? When will outcomes be measured? | |
| Support children to participate in STEM activities | STEM champions will be identified within the centre and will work closely with NT in overseeing STEM | Leadership choice sheets Staff meetings | August 2025 | |
| Children will develop skills across STEM as a result of improvement of experiences across the | All staff to assess current STEM practices and complete self-evaluation in preparation for STEM action plan | Self-evaluation documentation Centre observations | September 2025 | |
| centre | STEM champions will lead the centre in processes required for STEM nation award Champion access STEM nation raise resources and guidance Champion visit other centres driving STEM approaches | Staff meetings Action plan | September 2025 – ongoing | |



| Children will be supported in their understanding of STEM and provided with various opportunities to | NT to support staff in STEM development to ensure cross curricular working by all staff | Planning meetings Individual meetings Planning sheets Floor books | August 2025 – ongoing |
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| participate in STEM activities | Woodwork trained staff will share good practice and train other staff members to be able to access areas both indoor and outside. | Inservice day agenda Training notes Photos | August & October in service day |
| | All staff to promote and raise awareness of STEM though daily planning | Planning sheets Children's comments Floor books Observations | October 2025 - ongoing |
| All stakeholders will evidence improvement of experiences across the centre | All staff contribute to and support working toward STEM nation award | Self-evaluation Action plan Planning sheets Wall displays & photos | October 2025 - ongoing |
| | Establish HomeLink's to share with parents linking to STEM | HomeLink resources Parental feedback Child feedback | October 2025 - ongoing |