

The experience of being at school

- We are inspired to do our best. The adults at our school compliment us and tell us we can change the world.
- Our school is bully-free.
- Our classroom is a calm, kind and happy place. It is tidy, has a chilling area (where we can take a needed break), is quiet and has plants (which we take care of).
- The teacher takes time to explain what we are doing and expectations. They help us to learn step-by-step and ask for our ideas. They don't get angry when we don't understand. They help us learn from our mistakes and focus. Our teacher cares about us.
- All children have their say about school. We all have opportunities to be part of the learning committee or other groups where we have a say.
- Our families come into school, so we can share our ideas.
- We have a lot of outdoor learning. There is more outdoor equipment to play with.

Learning across subjects and in different ways

- Our school is eco-friendly. We learn about recycling. We use Mr Mitchell (Janitor's) waste cardboard and rubbish to construct cars/ time machines/ fortresses and dens (all to be built outside).
- We try out drama. We become news reporters – learn how to research and write news stories, how to make newspapers/ video reports.
- Den-building. Every month the P7s design and build a new den, learning about construction. The rest of the school uses this space for chillaxing and activities on how to keep yourself calm.
- P7s organise whole upper school opportunities to get together like parties or huge games of football/ basketball.
- We get to learn about nature through trips to Cromdale or Adventure Aberdeen.
- We meet new children by going to clubs after school.

The learning we do

- We want more P.E. time. We could run our own 'whatever we want P.E.' club out of school.
- We all learn how to cook.
- We have quiet time to read our own choice of book.
- We have Boys Chat for boys to talk about boy problems and our worries (this for girls too). This is a space for talking about puberty and what is going to happen to you.
- We focus on moving up to Secondary School. Ex-pupils come in and tell us about their experiences. We have more visits (than happens currently) to Northfield. Our teachers and PSAs talk about their experiences and help us stop worrying.
 - We get to try out all the new transition subjects by trying them out in our class.
 - We try out work experience. We have visitors come in and tell us about their career.

How we grow and flourish

- We share what we have learned with other children. Children lead on assembly.
- We feel excited, safe and prepared for going to Secondary School. We feel positive about meeting new people and the school we are going to.
- We can talk about our emotions and when we feel stressed.
- We make a mistake, but then get it right after trying and trying again.
- We are celebrated at the end of primary school through parties.

