



Giving Everyone a Good Start in Life

We are committed to supporting the youngest in our communities. We will work together to provide the support children and families need, extending our community focused schools work, recognising the value schools and communities have to each other.

We know that as we grow-up we may need additional or specialist support. We will provide information and services through a range of teams, including our libraries and ensure there are activities in and out of school for our children and young people to enjoy.

Our Ambitions

By 2030 we want to see that:

- Less children are in poverty
- Children's health and well-being is improved with less obesity, increased take-up of immunisations and increased levels of activity
- More families and children are supported to stay together
- Free early years advice and support is available to parents and carers
- All schools are Community Focused Schools
- Improved attendance at schools
- People are supported to access good quality education, training and skills
- Learners with Additional Learning Needs can access the support they need
- Improved standards of reading and writing
- Children and young people feel heard on the services and decisions that matter to them
- Children and young people like living in the Vale
- Become a child friendly organisation

Our Actions

To make this happen we will work with the community and our partners to:

- Extend the Flying Start model and support families to move out of poverty
- Make sure young people can access affordable opportunities and safe spaces for sport and play
- Provide services through our libraries for our young people to enjoy (encouraging learning, confidence and creativity)
- Improve access to advice, support and services to parents, carers and families
- Strengthen services that support children to stay with their families
- Deliver a new School Improvement Service
- Support our schools and communities to work together to deliver improved outcomes and opportunities
- Improve support for learners with complex needs and those needing help with social, emotional, and mental health
- Support and improve links between schools, colleges, universities and business to make sure people have the right skills for the future
- Make sure young people have opportunities to influence change (decision making)