



# **Delivering a Child Friendly Recovery**

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

**11<sup>th</sup> May**

# The Capital Ambition: Recovery and Renewal Programme



**The Council's approach to adapting to the challenges and opportunities as we emerge from the current phase of the pandemic is based on 10 key principles:**

- Child, family, citizen at the centre
- Community/Locality-focussed
- Flexibility
- Partnership
- Prevention over cure
- Digital by Default
- Data and evidence-led
- Service innovation
- Leading an inclusive economic recovery

# A Child Friendly Recovery



- Proposals to deliver a programme that will ensure shared responsibility to address the needs of **all** children.
- Aligned to the ambitions to become a Unicef Child Friendly City.
- Identifies the short and medium to longer term actions that will be delivered in partnership as we move forward as a city.
- Actions and workstreams form a universal and targeted response that have been developed through ongoing dialogue and evaluation with schools, children and young people and aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan 2021-23.

# Universal and targeted response



## Universal Response

**9-12 months.**

Areas of focus:

- Health & Safety
- Re-engagement and wellbeing
- Maintaining learning
- Pathways to progression.

## Targeted Response

**9-12 months.**

The priorities for the short term aim to achieve co-ordination of services and sufficiency to meet demand, working to address and monitor the long-term impact of the pandemic on the physical and mental health of pupils and personal/social development. Areas of focus are:

- Safeguarding and Wellbeing
- Ambition, Opportunities and Progression
- Integrated Youth Support Services and Community wellbeing

## Universal Response – Short Term (9-12 months)



### Health & Safety

- Risk assessments will be reviewed prior to return to schools in September 2021, taking into account any revised COVID-19 guidelines. Further guidance on the safe restart of school facilities, opening to community groups, and educational trips will be provided. The Council's Health and Safety team will resume normal school support services from September 2021, with enhanced support for school estates staff.



## Universal Response – Short Term (9-12 months)



### Re-engagement and wellbeing

- The approach is inclusive, innovative and joined up to respond to the wellbeing and re-engagement of children and young people. This includes:
- A Citywide Children and Young People's Festival – 'Summer of Smiles'
- Enhanced Youth Service Provision
- A Children's University



## Universal Response – Short Term (9-12 months)



### Maintaining learning

- Schools leading the re-integration of pupils into learning.
  - Focus around health and wellbeing, partnerships with parents, carers and learners, broad and balanced learning, literacy numeracy and digital competence, purpose, progression, and assessment.
- Teaching and learning

- Continue to work towards equipping every learner with a device and connectivity
- Continue to improve provision for remote learning



## Universal Response – Short Term (9-12 months)



### Pathways to progression

- Ensuring positive destinations for all young people leaving school, led by youth service, using vulnerability profiles (VAP)
- Optimising Cardiff Commitment networks
- Collaboration to improve the visibility of Post-16 options
- Progression as a key feature of School Improvement Plans and in line with new Accountability and Assessment Framework







## Targeted Response – Short Term (9–12 months)

### Safeguarding and Wellbeing

- Returning Council Services to schools – school based counselling, education welfare, youth service support and specialist inclusion services
- Whole school approach to emotional and mental wellbeing
- Team around the family – e.g. Early Help & Family Support
- Team in the school
- Enhanced Children's services support for the most vulnerable



## Targeted Response – Short Term (9–12 months)

### Ambition, Opportunities and Progression

- Life Coaching programme
- Enhanced Into Work support services
- Additional mentoring for children looked after and vulnerable Post 16 young people
- Targeted employability programmes – e.g. Youth Justice, Children with ALN, EOTAS



## Targeted Response – Short Term (9–12 months)



### Integrated Youth Support Services and Community Wellbeing

- Youth Service led programmes:
  - street based, outreach, weekends and holidays; family engagement; open access with 3<sup>rd</sup> sector partners, youth action groups.
- New Young Person Safeguarding Strategy
- Community Safety Partnership – youth diversion projects



## Medium to Longer Term Response



- **Delivery of the Corporate Plan 2021-23** – including focus on longer term ambitions and National Reforms
- **Refresh of the Child Friendly Cardiff Strategy** – opportunity to reflect and consolidate lessons learned and set out future missions
- **Retesting and Refreshing the Cardiff 2030 Vision for Education & Learning** - testing all the 2030 goals by applying the 10 principles and lessons learnt e.g. increased use of blended learning.
- **Child Friendly 'Greener, Fairer, Stronger' Strategy**
- **Child Friendly 'One Planet Cardiff' Strategy**

