Education Recovery Plan – Overview

Recovery and Renewal Focus - Education has developed a detailed impact assessment in collaboration with key partners including schools, in order to determine the key priorities for recovery and renewal. The 4 overarching priority areas of focus are as follows:

- Priority 1 Learner Wellbeing
- Priority 2 Vulnerable Learners
- Priority 3 Academic Progress
- Priority 4 School Operations

Present Position - Over the last academic session school operations have been negatively affected by the pandemic. The latest Welsh Government operational guidance seeks to resume normal school operations from the autumnterm 2021. During the 2020/21 academic session, data collection and school's data management was reconfigured and/or suspended, therefore, we are currently working to establish the baseline for the above priorities as at September 2021. However, current levels of COVID within the community are affecting the school's ability to resume normal practice. Therefore, the target for the autumn-term is to establish the baseline.

Implementation Plan - Education has worked to establish a detailed action plan for each impact area. The action plan details the work required with Council services, schools/headteachers, wider partners such as the Education Achievement Service, pupils and parents. In addition, stakeholder engagement and communication plans are in place, with 3 consultative groups having been established as follows:

- o Recovery and Renewal Group
- o Curriculum Reform Group
- School Operations Management Group

The aim of these groups is to ensure a strategic approach to effective delivery of the action plan, whilst also securing appropriate resources and expertise.

Key Measures to Determine Progress -The following data sets – both qualitative and quantitative, will be used to monitor and measure progress against each impact area:

- Qualitative surveys
- Early years and pre-school uptake
- o Admissions data
- o Free school meals data
- o Attendance and exclusion data
- o Referral data (i.e. Social Services)
- Digital Disadvantaged data