

# CASTLESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enjoy life, learning and sharing



## Curriculum Rationale

Our curriculum was designed with the pupils at the centre. We took time to look at the local community and the factors affecting our children every day in their home lives. Through this analysis, we were able to identify challenges that our children may need to overcome in the short and long term. Our curriculum addresses these and ensures that they have the best possible opportunities and outcomes for the future.

We looked at:

- The most frequent crimes recorded on the police.com website in our area;
- The ethnicity and diversity of our area;
- The educational background and employment statistics of people living locally.

As a result, our curriculum intends to:

- Teach our children to show tolerance and respect for themselves and others. They should be proud of their heritage and respect the local community, helping to build and protect it. They will know their place in the wider world and respect different cultures;
- Support our children to develop emotional intelligence in a secure environment where they are able to articulate their feelings and ask for help. They will have strategies to handle conflict, stress and negative thoughts to take with them into adulthood;
- Encourage our children to 'dream big' and set themselves ambitious goals, both short-term in their schoolwork and long-term for their futures. They have choices and opportunities.