# Cornbank St James Primary School

## Parent Summary of our School Improvement Plan 2018-19

The School Improvement Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead. We aim to ensure all learners receive the best possible education and that our school continues to grow and develop. It has been written after gathering feedback from all learners, families and staff. As always, we appreciate your contributions and feedback.

A full and detailed copy of our report can found on the school website cornbank.mgfl.net

# Our Priorities from Last Session 2017-18

## Ethos – Vision, Values and Aims

- ✓ We explored our values for our school and all learners, families and staff voted for their core values.
- ✓ Staff were trained in using a restorative approach with pupils and we use this across the school.
- ✓ Learners, families and staff were asked about their feelings on our Positive Behaviour Policy. We made changes based on these responses.
- ✓ Pupils' achievements continue to be celebrated and are kept in class floorbooks.

## Raised Attainment in Literacy

- ✓ We shared the different skills needed for effective Listening and Talking skills with families.
- ✓ Our data showed that there was raised attainment in P1 and P4. We are above the local and national averages in Literacy.
- ✓ We developed social skills groups for children across the school and helped to support their learning.

## Visible Learning

- ✓ Children across the school are understanding and using our Cornbank Toolkit.
- ✓ Staff are using different tools in their classroom to ensure effective feedback and learners are more aware of their next steps.
- ✓ We have been working with other schools in Penicuik to help our pupils understand what makes a good Midlothian Learner.

## Science and Technology

- ✓ Staff attended workshops to help develop their approaches to teaching science.
- ✓ We held a Science Week in November.
- ✓ We developed links with Edinburgh College and the Easter Bush Science Centre.

# Some of our Highlights from Last Session 2017-18

- ☆ All staff across the school led on different areas to develop our school
- ☆ Our House Captains and P7 pupils led their improvement plans
- ☆ All children and staff were part of a Pupil Voice group and led focus weeks and organised events across the year
- ☆ Our Early Years and Childcare setting successfully piloted extended hours, in accordance with the Scottish Government
- ☆ We raised attainment in Literacy and Numeracy
- ☆ Pupils enjoyed exciting and challenging IDL topics and were able to share their learning through open days and assemblies
- ☆ Our P6 and P7 enjoyed their trips to school camps
- ☆ Feedback from our Nursery to P1 transitions was very positive
- ☆ We introduced Play Therapy to our P6 and P7 pupils and we have drop-in sessions available every Thursday
- ☆ We attended many Sporting competitions and events
- ☆ We were able to offer more clubs and activities at lunchtimes
- ☆ We achieved our 6th Green Eco Flag – 1st school in Midlothian
- ☆ P6 worked alongside Edinburgh College to develop skills for work
- ☆ We achieved our recognition of commitment for Rights Respecting Schools Award

# Our New Priorities
# 2018-19

## Ethos – Vision, Values and Aims

We will:

- Agree our Vision, Values and Aims for Cornbank with learners, families and staff
- Link our Rights Respecting Schools with our school Positive Behaviour Approaches
- Continue to increase parent/carer awareness of our Positive Behaviour Approach

## Raise Attainment in Numeracy

We will:

- Use all the information to support and challenge our learners
- Use a consistent approach to teaching numeracy
- Share good practice and ways of helping with other schools in Penicuik

## Visible Learning

We will:

- Continue to use feedback to help learners identify their next steps
- Use John Hattie's research to help teachers understand different mindframes
- Have an aspirational approach in Learning and Teaching

## Health and Wellbeing

We will:

- Work with Head Teachers in Penicuik and other professionals to support our learners' health and wellbeing
- Continue to employ Chris, our Play Therapist as well as work with our school nurse to deliver Headstrong to P7
- Run a Seasons for Growth group for children who may need support