

Langs Group January 27 2017

The Scottish Government update

- Request to LA for updates on state of implementation
- Funding for 2017-18
- Strategic Implementation Group Plan of work from 2017-2021

Languages remain a key priority of SG. As one of the eight areas of CfE. CfE recognises the importance of language learning as a skill which enable our young people to participate fully in a global society and economy. 1+2 languages was restated in the SNP manifesto in May 2016 features in the Programme for Government and is included in the SG Delivery Plan as follows:

*'We will take action to help young people develop the skills and knowledge they will need in the workplace in particular in the areas of STEM, digital skills and languages' (page 9)*

Request to LA for updates on state of implementation

This survey is going to be sent out shortly. As with the last two surveys the information you supply will be shared with ADES, ES, Cosla and will allow us, building on information gathered previously, to understand more about the successes and challenges of implementation, as well as helping to identify any further support needs. It is important as we use this data to inform Ministers of how far advanced the implementation is. At its most general, when the data is aggregated it gives a picture of how far L2 and L3 is in place. It also identifies concerns and it will provide us with successes too – these may well be useful to share with other LA and other schools.

Funding for 2017-18

Ministers understand that you want to know the funding for 2017-18. We are working hard to achieve this and will let you know as soon as we can.

SIG Implementation Plan for 2017-2021

Scottish Ministers have a clear message to all stakeholders that it is normal to learn a language from P1 as part of CfE and that every primary teacher will be a teacher of languages in the future. In this way all our young people will understand the value of having language skills and of its worth as a skillset for employability. To achieve this vision the SIG members will focus on the four priority areas of this Plan:

- Communication and engagement
- Collaboration
- Curriculum
- Professional development

The Plan will be available on the Langs website and it and other detail will also be available on the SG website at

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/curriculum/LanguageLearning>

ES and SCILT will update you on their planned work. I would like to draw your attention in particular to:

the planned ES/ADES/SCILT secondary school events in June and the SCILT national training programme.

I would also remind you of the Deputy First Minister's expectation set on inter authority sharing and partnerships. It would be useful to know what is already happening and if SIG members could further collaborate in any way.

SG Languages Team

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