



The Jersey Education Business Plan

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The aim of the Education Partnership is to secure the conditions for delivering high-quality educational opportunities for all children and young people.

The Education Partnership believes that achievement of this aim depends critically on ensuring that teachers and school leaders are able to make effective use of their skills, talents and expertise to meet the needs of learners.

Partners are clear that Jersey's education system has many strengths and it is important that its achievements are acknowledged and celebrated. However, the Education Partnership also recognises that the system must continue to adapt and innovate if it is to be successful in meeting future challenges and providing learners with the engaging and relevant education and training experiences to which they are entitled.

The Education Business Plan 2015, published by the Education, Sport and Culture Department in May, sets out a wide-ranging three-year reform strategy, focused on educational standards, the curriculum, supporting families and school autonomy. The Education Partnership is fully committed to the ambitions for Jersey's children and young people set out in the Education Business Plan.

The Education Partnership recognises that the Business Plan will only have a positive and sustainable impact on the education system if it is taken forward in a way that avoids placing unreasonable and excessive workload burdens on teachers and school leaders.

Partners agree that successful implementation of the Business Plan will depend upon the extent to which it allows teachers and school leaders to concentrate on their core responsibilities for teaching and leading teaching and learning, improves the quality of their professional lives and places the voice of the workforce at the centre of the reform process.

The Education Partnership has therefore developed its own programme of action focused on the workforce dimensions of the Education Business Plan. This programme of action will ensure that implementation of the Business Plan will not only respect the legitimate interests of teachers and school leaders but will also give the workforce genuine opportunities to shape the future of education and training in Jersey. Key early areas to be considered will include how schools record and communicate their achievements with pupils and the basis on which the Jersey version of the Pupil Premium will be rolled out across the Island.

Updates on progress and information about how members of the workforce can engage in the reform process will be set out in future Education Partnership notes.