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Dear Parent,

Currently we use the Department of Education and Children's curriculum document (Essentials for Learning) to guide us in meeting needs of the pupils here at Ballaugh which considers not only the necessary knowledge / facts that children need to learn but also the skills that children need to develop to prepare them for the future.

An integral part of our curriculum is an area that focuses on the habits that children develop as they learn. You may have also heard these being referred to as Learning Muscles, Learning Habits, Learning Dispositions or the 6Rs.

There are many opportunities to develop these learning habits outside school too. For this reason I have provided a copy of the and a breakdown of how they can be demonstrated and developed. I believe that it is important that we share such information with you as many years of educational research (Henderson and Mapp 2002) has shown that elevated levels of parental involvement in a child's learning can lead to a significant increase in their achievement over a child that does not have such involvement.

Please do not consider this to be a "tick list" that each child must complete. It is an overview of skills that the children will be given frequent opportunities to develop during their time with us.

Yours sincerely

G Cushnie
Headteacher