

Curriculum Support Project

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Origins

The Curriculum support project proposal was put forward to the county council as a partnership project between the e-learning Achievement Service and Cardiff Commitment.

It's aim is to harness the expertise on curriculum development and co-construction built up by Cardiff based Pioneer school teachers and advisory staff who took part in the development of the AoLE's for the Curriculum for Wales.

The project received £125k of funding in the Education base budget from 2019/20 onwards. The e-learning Achievement service was to be responsible for the strategic leadership of the project overseeing the work of a newly appointed Curriculum Achievement Officer.

Rationale For The Project

Realising the curriculum for Wales:

This project will work on a cluster by cluster basis to align with the Cardiff 2030 aim to realise the curriculum in Cardiff by:

Drawing on the resources of the city to bring the curriculum to life for learners through inspiring and authentic learning experiences.

Developing a continually evolving series of industry and HE partnership projects which will improve the skills of teachers and learners.

Ensure experiences are co-constructed into their school's curriculum.

Project Responsibilities

Manage the curriculum project with the chosen school cluster.

Work with key staff from the schools to take them through the change management needed to implement a co-constructed curriculum.

Oversee and develop experiences offered to the cluster from outside agencies.

Design monitor and maintain administration systems to meet the needs of the curriculum project.

Drive performance and outcomes in engagement, curriculum development, achievement and progression through the curriculum project.

Build on the relationships with business initiated by the Cardiff Commitment team to create a tailored and focused approach to school to business partnerships aimed at enhancing curriculum delivery.

Added Value

The pilot cluster taking part would benefit from:

- A tailored, bespoke and flexible curriculum designed by their own staff in partnership with the LA, Pioneer schools, HE, FE and local industry and businesses.
- Teachers gaining skills related to curriculum design, and resource creation, identification and curation.
- Strengthened and ongoing links with the Cardiff businesses and FE and HE providers involved with the project.
- Capacity building amongst the schools to ensure that their future approach to curriculum design becomes dynamic, flexible and engaging for pupils (in turn impacting positively on standards and achievement).

Project Setup

Autumn 2020:

Recruit

Achievement Officer (Curriculum). Project governance board.

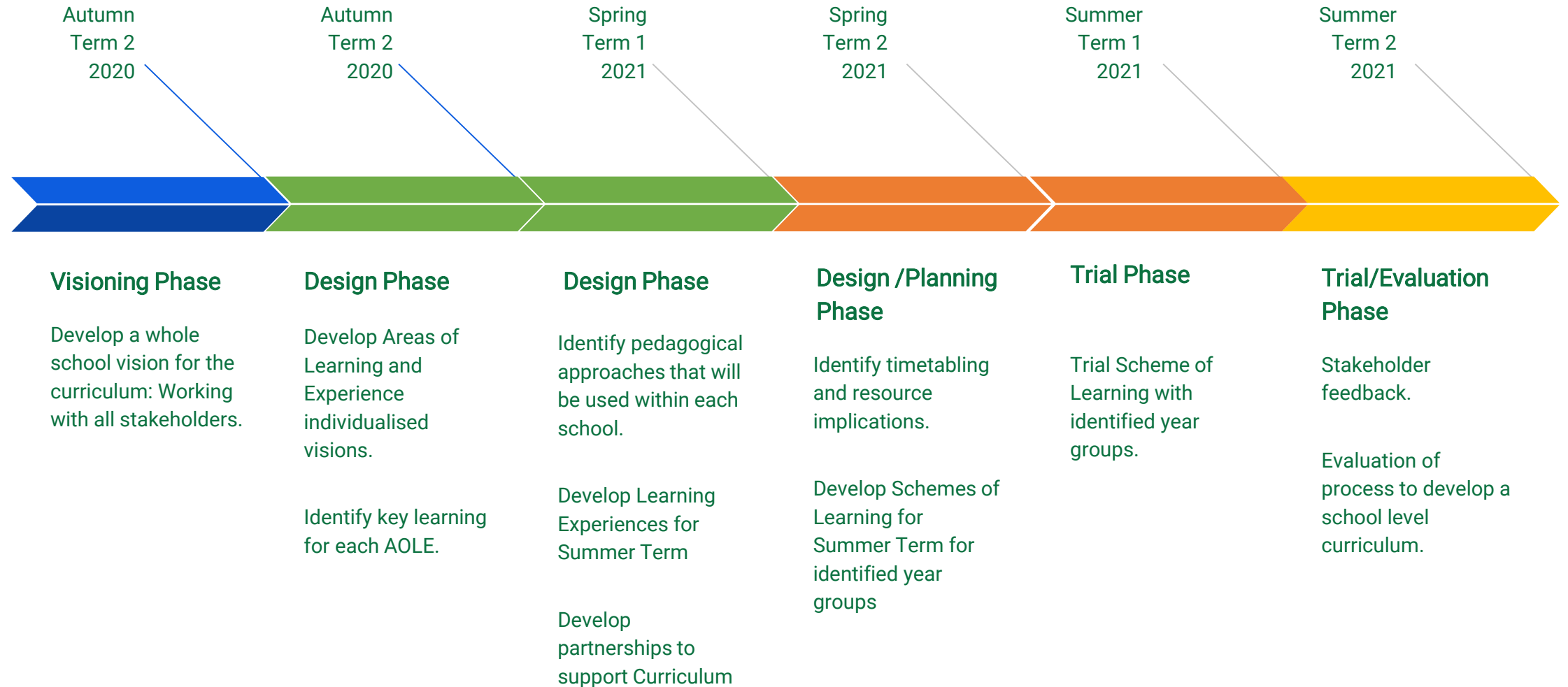
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Secondary school cluster, key pioneer school secondees, industry, HE & FE partners.

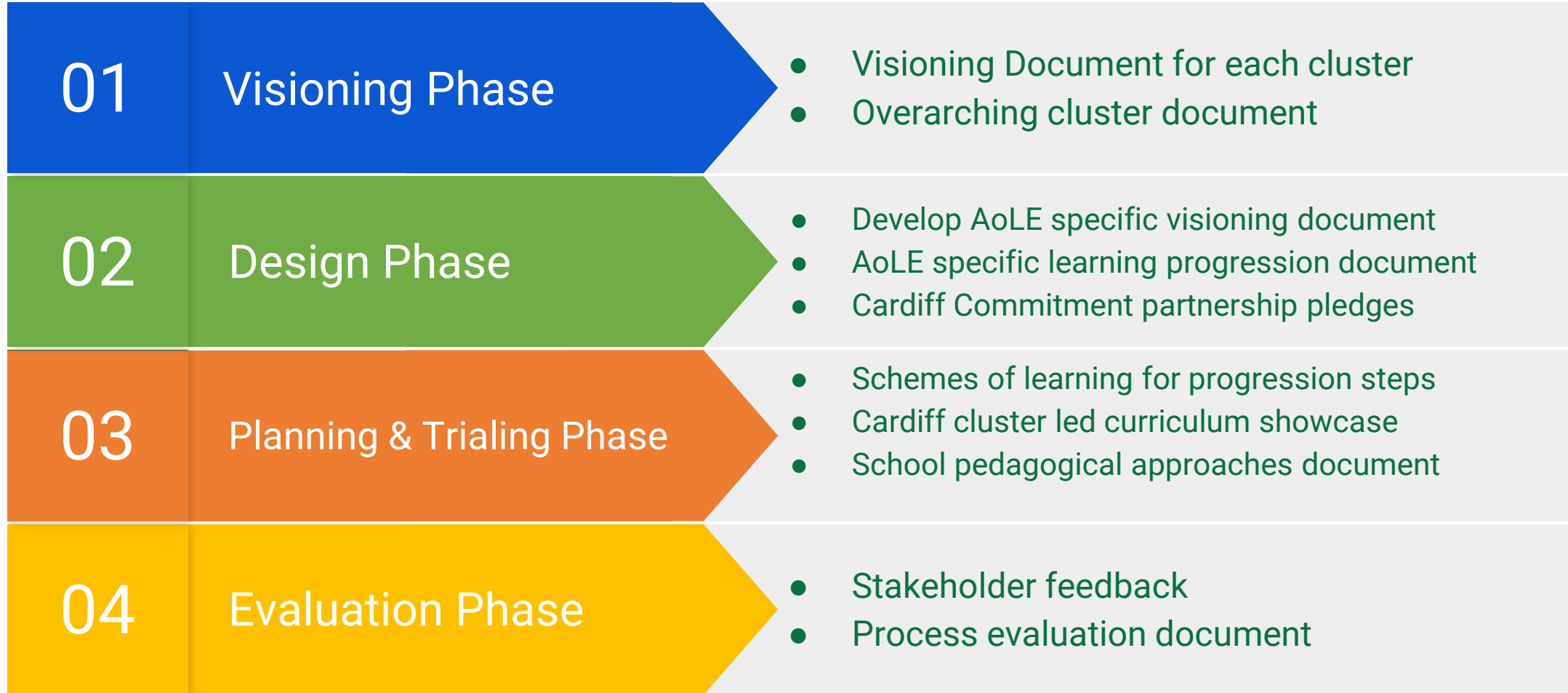
Develop

A delivery space for curriculum support. Online learning opportunities.

Work Plan for the Cardiff Contextualisation of the Curriculum



Deliverables



Pupil Involvement

Children and young people have a right to play an active part in planning and designing a school or cluster level curriculum.

This involvement needs to be meaningful and sustained throughout each of the four project phases. We will:

- Set up and train a group of young people from within the cluster to carry out research into curriculum development.
- Invite two nominated young people onto the strategic board.
- Trial and test curriculum materials with young people and ask for their critical evaluation and feedback.
- Work with the Curriculum for Life team to give young people the opportunity to present innovative ideas and proposals to senior leaders.

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Partners

We are working with potential partners to leverage support by asking:

How could you contribute?

How can we help improve your knowledge of the curriculum?

What specialisms do you have that we can tap into?

Key focus areas?

What does success look like?

