

Blackpool Opportunity Area: Year 4 extension summary

Y4 project	Summary	Link to the OA Delivery Plan
Literacy	Continuing activity to tackle Blackpool's deep-rooted literacy challenges which affect the school and life chances of many of the town's children and families. This will be achieved by: continuing the current KS3 project, including its aim to target the weakest readers; extending the town-wide literacy campaign to engage more parents and residents in improving literacy levels; and providing further speech language & communication (SLC) training for mainstream teachers. All secondary schools will be invited to participate in the KS3 literacy project and all mainstream schools will benefit from an additional year of SLC specialist support.	Supports priority 1: raise attainment and progress in Blackpool's schools
Targeted School Improvement Framework	Individual school improvement activities based on evidence of need to target and enhance leadership and teaching quality where it is needed most. We will identify our priorities for year 4 in consultation with the Blackpool School Improvement Board. Potential projects could include; mental health and wellbeing; addressing learning and behaviour recovery through metacognition techniques and complementary enrichment/ extra-curricular activity.	
Team Around the School (TAS)	Keeping children in mainstream secondary education by providing inclusion and parental engagement workers. TAS provides out-of-school support to children and families to complement secondary schools' in-school practice tackling issues affecting behaviour and attendance. TAS will ensure support is available for up to 100 pupils and their families, from across all eight secondary schools.	Supports priority 2: vulnerable children & families - improve attendance, outcomes, and reduce exclusions
Continuum of Provision	Continuing development of in-school policies and practice, and cross-town collaboration, aimed at better managing admissions, behaviour and attendance. All secondary schools will receive funding to develop initiatives to improve inclusion.	
Emotional and mental wellbeing	Supporting and addressing the emotional health and wellbeing issues preventing young people succeeding at school and transitioning into work or college. We will extend mental health leadership and training across all primary and secondary schools.	
Blackpool Careers and Engagement Journey	A comprehensive careers offer for Blackpool's children and young people, with additional support for vulnerable young people. This incorporates: NEET prevention and action; enhancement of the digital Careers Journey, a complementary digital pathway which targets young people on the Blackpool Engagement Journey; and Careers Journey employer engagement – increasing the access to meaningful employer for vulnerable young people in particular through blended activity (digital and face to face events).	Supports priority 3: to improve advice and support for young people when moving between school/colleges and into work.
Claremont Project	Developing new multi-agency partnership operational model and target resources to improve outcomes for children, young people & families in Claremont. The Claremont Ward forms around a quarter of Blackpool's inner area and suffers from intense deprivation, facing challenges of high rates of unemployment and crime combined with poor health outcomes and low average household incomes. We aim to create a body of evidence through the Claremont project that will be rolled out across Blackpool and beyond, and be used to inform future Government policy.	Supports all priorities
Collaboration activity	We will extend the impact of our year 4 projects by sharing with non-OA areas what has worked and including partnering with other OAs to develop joint projects that can then be shared more widely.	