

"Ethos – Why Bother?"

West Park Centre, Dundee



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ORGANISATION

Beckford Primary School

FOCUS

**Rowan Cottage: an Early Intervention Strategy;
the impact of a nurture group on
Beckford Primary School**

Can you briefly describe any initiatives or projects in place that illustrate the focus of our conference?

Rowan Cottage Nurture Group, formed in 1999, was originally an initiative in Beckford Primary School to raise achievement and help create a positive ethos. The main aim is to help the young child maintain placement in mainstream school. The child's developmental stage is determined and strategies are put in place to deal with each child's Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties.

How are these initiatives being monitored and evaluated?

Through the use of Boxall Profile. I.E.P's are reviewed termly. Parental Questionnaires.

What are some of the biggest challenges faced by teachers and young people or members of your organisation, in implementing the initiatives or projects?

Initially, understanding the principles behind the group. Resettling in class is challenging for pupil and teacher. Maintaining a level of funding for wear and tear in group. Salaries are funded and accommodation.

What has worked well?

An open-door policy for parents. Regular Reviews involving staff, school staff, agencies and parents. Positive Vision and consistency of staff. Inset training of staff. Contact and liaison with Nurture Group Network. Visits to and from other interested individuals and Educational establishments.

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What did not work & lessons learned?

Referrals from Behaviour Support Base. Must have proper consultation, observation and preparation for a child starting.

Future plans?

To maintain our own and encourage development of additional groups in Scotland.

Any materials the school/organisation is willing to share or relevant publications that are for sale?

Yes - we have adapted the national Nurture Group Curriculum to 5-14. Daily tracker sheets. Boxall profile summary sheets.



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