

Recovery Conversations

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If we consider the definition of a relevant curriculum as the **'daily lived experience'** we must plan for experiences that provide the space for recovery.

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This **daily lived experience** is underpinned by the distinctive Christian ethos of the Diocese, the Trust and each school.



- ❖ The excellent, positive work of school staff has enabled pupils to access education at school or at home over the past few months.
- ❖ Reflective of their particular context, our schools are at different stages as they prepare for next chapter in the journey that began in March.
- ❖ Aim of the next few slides is to provide a broad framework for leaders in current thinking about the next steps of preparation.



Considerations

- ❖ **School leaders** are best placed to know what has been lost and what has been gained in lockdown and to make decisions about the education and care within each school.
- ❖ **Communication/engagement:** involving as many groups from within the school community as is appropriate and practicable.
- ❖ **Focus on reconnection:** Of the school becoming whole again; of pupils and staff with the ethos, routines, expectations, and learning.
- ❖ **Co-creation:** based on each of the above.
- ❖ **Compassion:** Strong, kind leadership.
- ❖ **Continuity:** Integrating, and returning to, improvement work underway prior to lockdown. A conversation about timeframes.



Reflection Conversations

What was school like when these pupils and staff last attended?

(Ethos, values, principles? What did it look like? What were the structures, routines, timings, activities?)

What have our pupils and staff lost/missed out on over the period of lockdown?

Have there been gains and is there a chance to recalibrate any aspect of our work?

How have relationships changed?

What remains the same at the point of pupils' and staff's return?

Reflection

What do we know about our pupils', staff's, parents' experience through lockdown?

What has worked well in school so far? What has been less successful or missing?

What do we need to continue/do differently with regards to safeguarding?

What remains important to us and our school community and will underpin our work?

What is the end goal of our recovery curriculum?

How does this align with our journey of school improvement?



Wellbeing Conversations

What do we know about pupils' and staff's wellbeing as they return? How is everyone?
What changes need to be made to provide pupils and staff with a safe, caring, loving environment? Is everyone safe?
What is in place for individuals/families in need of additional support?

What values will we emphasize?
Which routines will be the same and which will be different?
How will we communicate and reinforce these expectations to staff, pupils and parents?

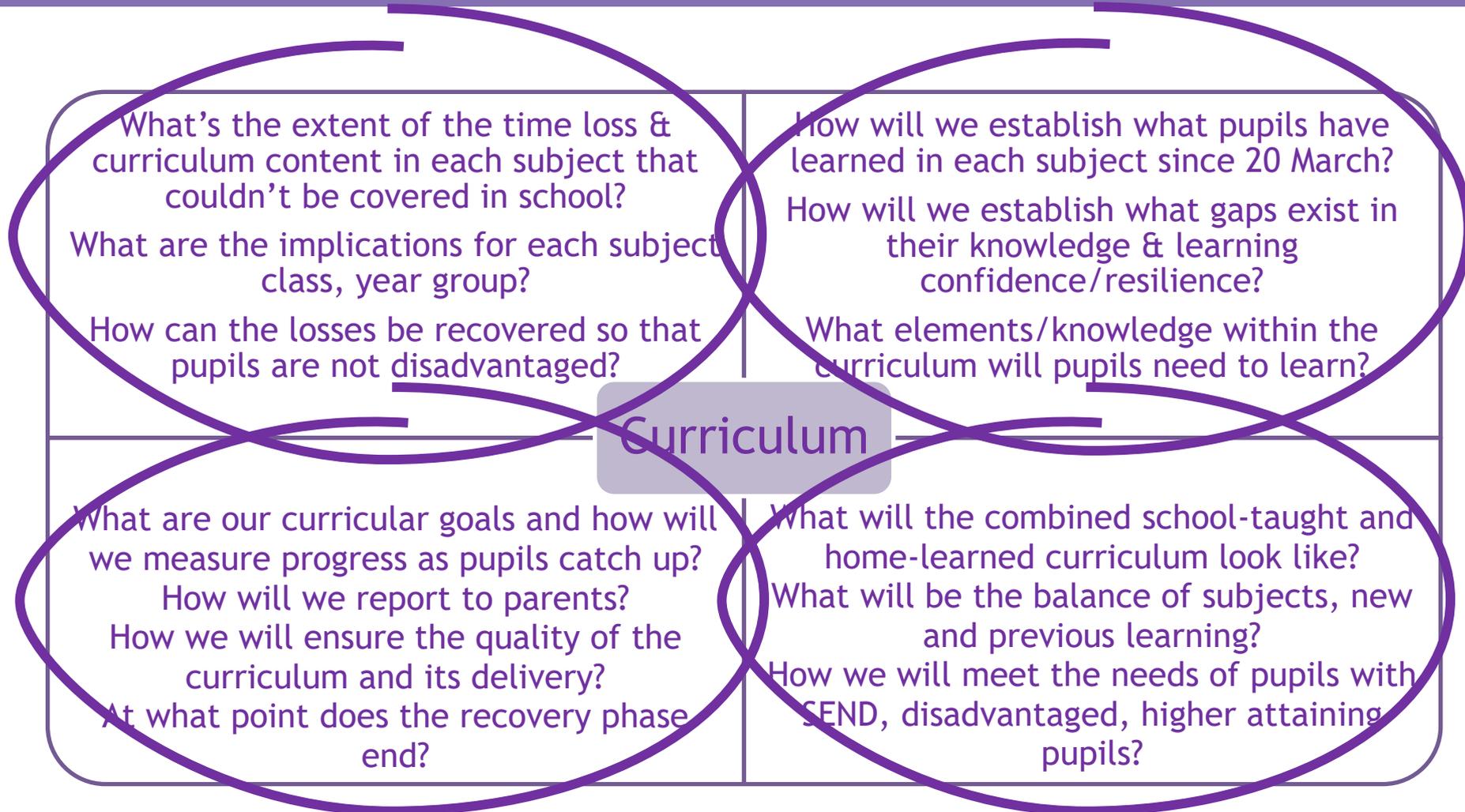
Wellbeing

What additional support will the school need to provide for pupils' and staff's wellbeing?
How will we report on pupils' wellbeing in the short term? And the long term?
How is wellbeing woven into our taught curriculum?

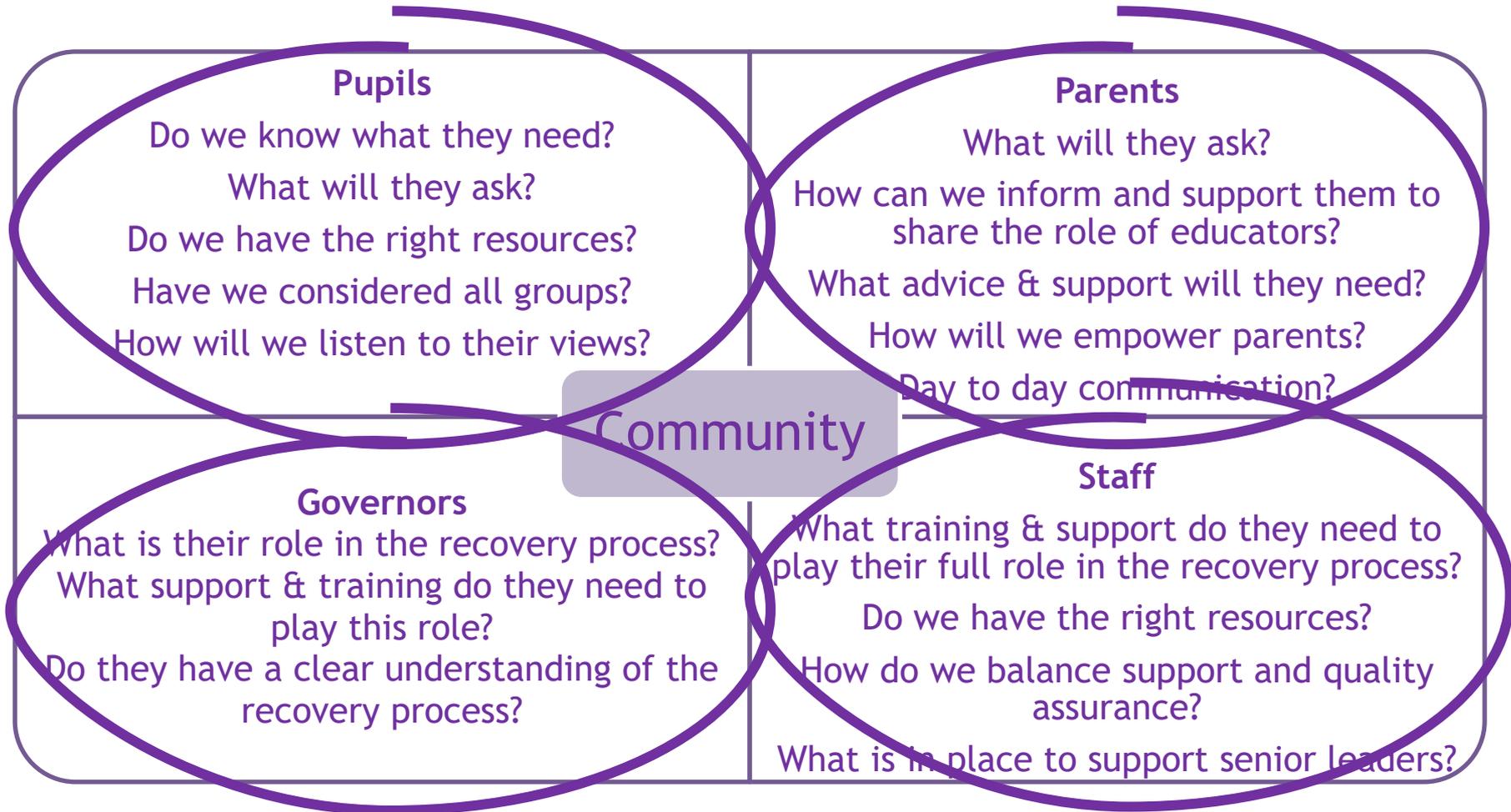
What activities will we put in place so that staff and pupils reconnect with our ethos, expectations, each other and learning?
How long should this re-connection period be?
What checks and balances on wellbeing will be in place in the short/long term?



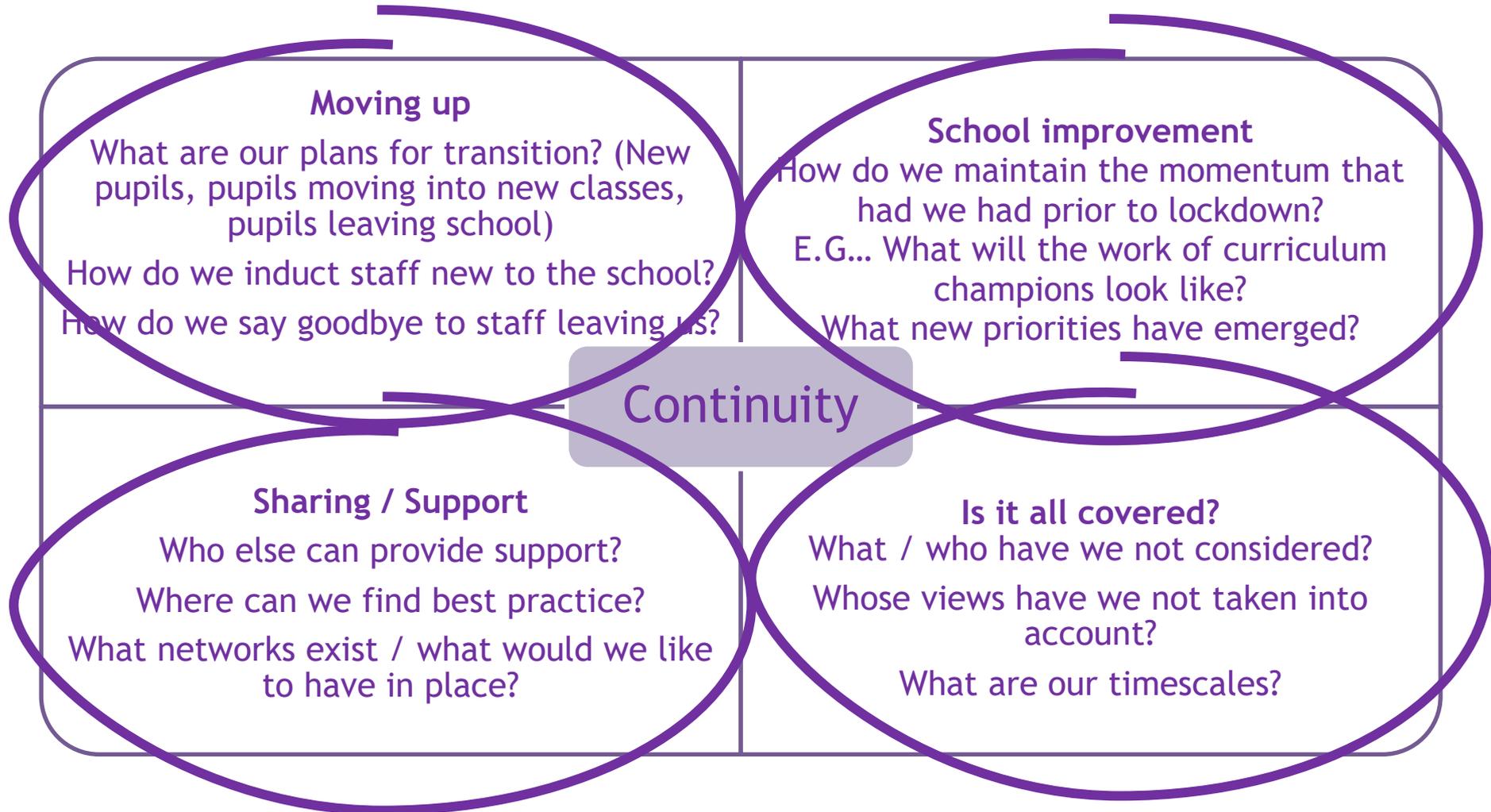
Curriculum Conversations



Community Conversations



Continuity Conversations



- ❖ **DIALOGUE:** Rehearse your developing plans with others across your region. Share with your AGEP/DoSI for critical feedback.
- ❖ **SHARE:** Submit your final plans, to be shared, so that all academies can benefit from collective wisdom.
 - DNEAT academies submit to: [tara.burrows@dneat.org](mailto:tara.burrows@ dneat.org) (we will then upload centrally to GovHub)
 - St Benet's academies ensure your DoSI has a copy to inform further group discussions
- ❖ **MONITOR:** Check the impact of your plans at a school level throughout recovery. A programme of retrospective monitoring by AGEPs/DoSI will help provide quality assurance from September 2020.



Context: Recovery Curriculum

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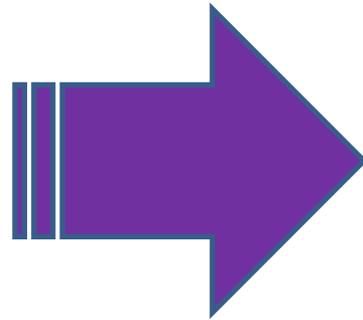
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<https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>



The five losses

- ❖ Loss of Routine
- ❖ Loss of Structure
- ❖ Loss of Friendship
- ❖ Loss of Opportunity
- ❖ Loss of Freedom



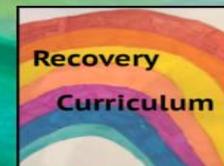
- Anxiety
- Attachment
- Bereavement
- Trauma

*'I was preparing to run a marathon,
but now they tell me there is no race'*



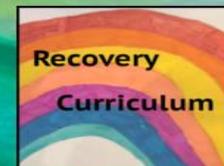
The five levers

- Lever 1:** Relationships - Reach out to greet - don't automatically expect them to return joyfully.
- Lever 2:** Community - Engage, listen, understand, grow together.
- Lever 3:** Metacognition - Explicitly scaffold teaching to grow confidence as a learner.
- Lever 4:** Transparent Curriculum - co-construct to show them how you are addressing the gaps.
- Lever 5:** Space - to be, to rediscover self-image, concept, esteem and confidence.



Recovery curriculum

- ❖ a construct
- ❖ built through compassionate leadership
- ❖ aims and values
- ❖ best informed judgements
- ❖ a personalised response



Links

- ❖ <https://2simple.com/blog/covid-19-return-school-action-plan/>
- ❖ <https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>
- ❖ <https://www.anewdirection.org.uk/blog/7-creative-ways-to-teach-a-recovery-curriculum>

