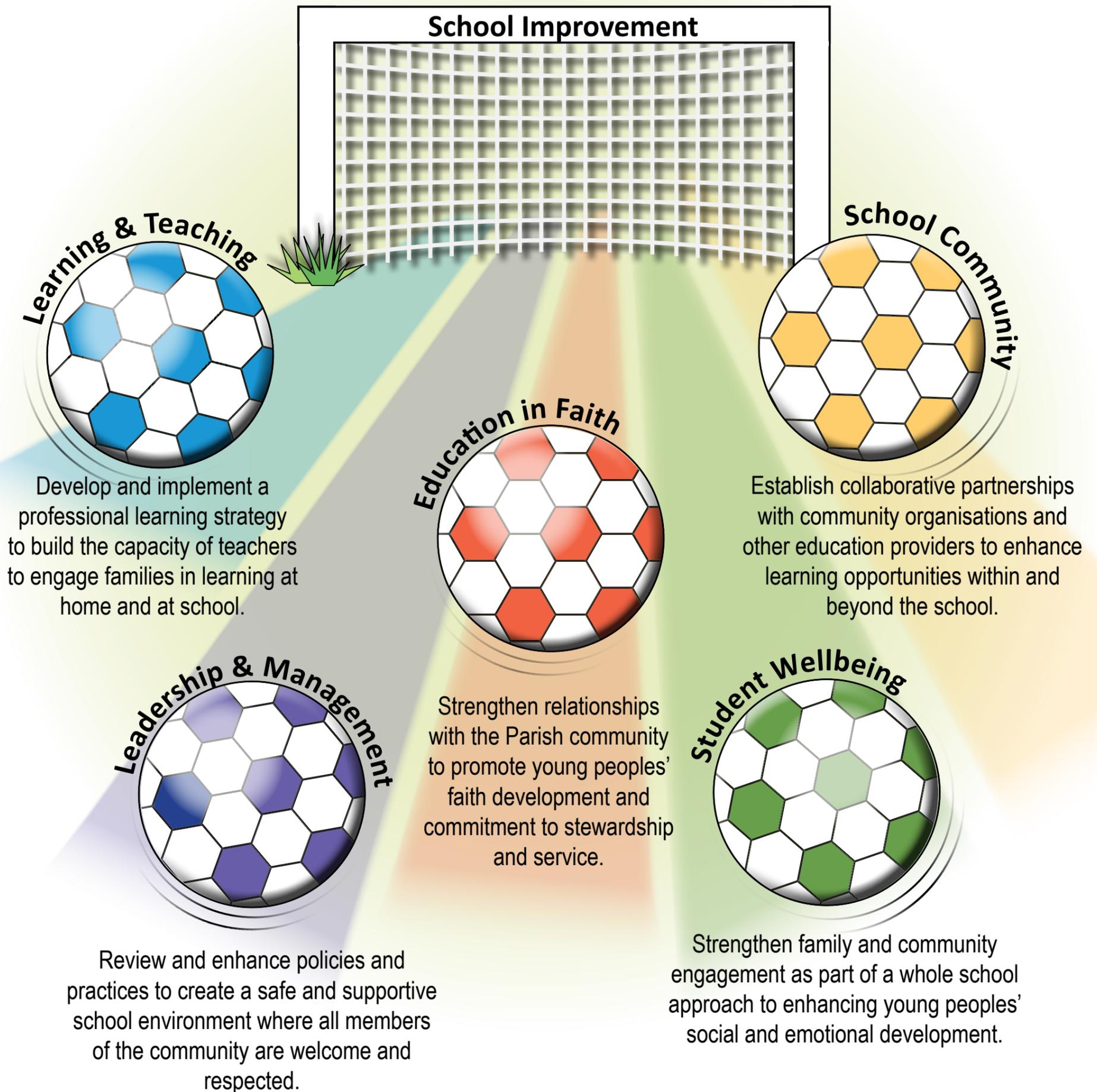


# Family-school-community ties: Part of the main game

When schools and families work together, children do better, schools improve and communities flourish. Strengthening ties with families and community is an essential school improvement strategy (Bryk et al, 2010). For schools to develop a coordinated and holistic approach to family and community engagement, improvement efforts should extend beyond the school community sphere, to *all* spheres of the CEOM School Improvement Framework.



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