East Ayrshire Council

James Hamilton Primary School, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh &

Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh

Establishment Improvement Plan

2020/21





School/Centre Improvement Plan	James Hamilton Primary School, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh & Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh.
Head Teacher	Diane Wright
Date Submitted	September 2020
Session (Date when each year is written)	September 2020

School's/Centre's	<u>Vision</u>
Vision and Values	To have a happy, nurturing and inclusive school community, where everyone is valued, shows respect and strives to be the best that they can be.
	Coimhearsnachd sgoile a tha toilichte, ag àraich agus in-ghabhaltachd, far a bheil luach air a h-uile duine, urram air a shealltainn agus uile a' strì gus a bhith cho soirbheachail 's a 's urrainn dhuinn a bhith.
	Values Respected, Included, Achieving, Happy, Nurturing
	Urram, In-ghabhaltas, Soirbheachas, Àraich, Toileachas

Rationale	In arriving at our improvement priorities, we took account of East Ayrshire's Integrated Children and Young People's Service Plan and East Ayrshire Council's Community Plan. We also took account of the legislative responsibilities in respect of GIRFEC, parental involvement, health promotion, disability and equality.
	In our early childhood centre we also take account of the principles set out in Building the Ambition and Realising the Ambition documentation.
	Our GME provision takes cognisance of East Ayrshire's Gaelic Language Plan 2019-2023.

In line with the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000 (amended 2016), the following checklist is designed to assist Heads of establishment with whole school/centre improvement planning that fulfils statutory duties in accordance with the Act. This must be completed prior to submission.

Consultation on improvement plan includes the following stakeholders:	Completed
Children and Young People	To be completed October 2020
Parent Council and Forum	November 2020
Teachers, practitioners and ALL school/centre staff	Consulted May 2020
 Staff/Support teaching School Nurse Educational Psychologist Police 	Not consulted due to COVID restrictions
Volunteers/ Community partners • Elim Hall • Active School	Not consulted due to COVID restrictions
Local bodies representing teachers, staff, volunteers and any parent bodies further associated to	Local EIS to be consulted October

Content of plan	Completed
Takes account of strategic priorities outlined in the education authority's Annual Plan.	September 2020
Takes account of the strategy for parental involvement under section 2 (4A)	September 2020
An audience-friendly summary of the SIP is available and contained in this document and will be provided to parents, children and young people.	September 2020
Appropriate cognisance has been made of the links between the plan and the working time agreement for teaching staff	September 2020
Scottish Government Tackling Bureaucracy working group recommendations have been	September 2020

the school/centre.	2020	considered when planning for improvement and in the improvement activities specified	
		HGIOS 4 and HGIOELC are used as the frameworks to inform the content of SIPs	September 2020
	Sie Wight	There is clear focus throughout the plan on measures to reduce of inequalities of outcome as a result of socio-economic disadvantage.	September 2020

Head Teacher/Head of Centre Signature:

Pupil and parental strategic involvement

Pupil and parental strategic involvement	
For session 2020-21, please describe below how children and young people will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre	For session 2020-21, please describe below how parents will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre
 All pupils advised of contents of S.I.P. during school assemblies. (When circumstances allow). P1-3 Assembly/P4-7 Assembly – Create child friendly S.I.P Elected Pupil Council meet regularly (6-8 weeks) where they will be given an update on progress of S.I.P. 	 Copies of S.I.P. available for Parent Council. (October 2020). Summary of S.I.P. included in monthly newsletter. (October 2020).
 HT/DHT's consult with Focus groups, from all stages. Enquiring about areas of the curriculum, preferred learning style, discussing aspects of the school that please/concern them. *Under normal circumstances we would carry out a 	 Parent Council given regular updates on progress of S.I.P. throughout the session. Consultations with all parents/carers will take place around April 2021, in form of questionnaires. Essential to hear what parents feel is going well/requires attention

<u>comprehensive consultation with all of the above. This was</u>
<u>impossible due to COVID restrictions and National Lockdown.</u>

in our campus.

Improvement Priority (Expressed as outcomes for learners) Literacy: To raise attainment in Literacy Year 2 James Hamilton Primary School, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh & Sgoil-Àriach na Coille Nuaidh	Improved outcomes in reading, and daily writing for all pupils - ALP Training Improved outcomes in Tools for Writing and Literacy across learning Improve outcomes in talking and listening (access to SAC SLT CLPL (menu))	The Active Literacy Programme (ALP) contains very clear methodology and strategies for teachers and pupils which supports consistency in learning and teaching and increased		
NIF Priorities Improvementin attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy	NIF Driver Teacher Professionalism Assessment of children's Progress Parental Engagement	HGIOS/ HGIOSELCC Ql's for self-evaluation 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5 2.2., 2.3, 2.4 3.2		

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When

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Comment [CC(2]: This is where we would really like establishments to consider their sound rationale for identifying their priorities, improvement activities etc.

Comment [AL3]:

Comment [AL4]:

Comment [CC(1]: What outcomes are they aiming to improve? Encourage establishments to be specific. What are the % increases they are aiming for? Is it all children or targeted groups? Is it one year group or targeted groups across all year groups?

 Access to training in using Active Literacy approaches to teaching Phonics, Spelling, Reading and Daily Writing (P1-7). Training days 1 &2 provided by SAC Literacy Manager and team in August – October 2020 - TBC. Training Day 3 for each stage in March/April 2021 led by SAC Literacy team. Training (see attached) in developing Writing, DARTs comprehension, Listening & Talking, P1 Pedagogy in collaboration with N. Ayrshire, Grammar & KAL will be offered over session 2020-21 as either whole school collegiate sessions -for HT and SAC Literacy Manager to agree, or universal CLPL twilights via Gateway. Staff and SMT engagement with SAC Literacy manager, Gail Elder and Attainment Advisor, Cara Cooper to support successful engagement with the literacy programme as it is rolled out. 	arranged thus: P1, P2/3, P4/5, P6/7 - three days per stage, provided by SAC team. SMT and LiteracyLeader (Jennifer Baldie) provided by SAC team- Sara Green. CA – a bespoke training session ELCCP (Carrie McIntyre)	ALP Training Days 1 & 2: August— October 2020 ALP Training Day 3: March/April 2021 Universal CLPL dates attached School Collegiate sessions to be arranged by HT/Literacy Manager
Diagnostic assessment gathered using the PM Benchmarking reading tool. +	Assessments modelled and supported by SAC team. A member of staff in the school will be trained in the use of PM Benchmark tool.	Over session 2020- 21
 Coaching, modelling, mentoring and co-op teaching to support the implementation of Active Literacy Phonics, Spelling, Reading and Daily Writing – this has been offered to the schools involved in Active Literacy thus far. This level of support will be available for schools with the highest levels of children where poverty is a barrier to their learning. For schools which do not receive this support there will be support from the Literacy Manager – collegiate sessions/TLC meetings. Literacy leads in the school will be supported through a Leaders of Literacy group. Resources shared via Glow. 	 SAC team literacy teachers SAC Literacy Education Manager (Gail) Leaders of Literacy group 	SAC Literacy teacher support is in 6-week blocks across the session 2020-21. Other supports across the session to suit.
 Working Group will advise staff in initially taking forward Phonics and Spelling. Working Group will focus on implementing Reading strategies. 	*Jennifer Baldie PT *Acting PT	Until Dec 2020. Jan2021-June 2021.
 Continue to use the East Ayrshire Literacy and English Progression Framework to support the planning of learning pathways for learners, which provides a structured framework for learning and teaching which follows children's developmental progression. Reliable teacher professional judgements to be supported by development of moderation activities, including the development of holistic tasks within the training sessions. Assessment tools will link specifically with EAC tracking tool to further support teacher judgements. 	the Education Group) supported by the SAC team and the Attainment Advisor, Cara Cooper	Over session 2020- 21 e.g. in tracking conversations/focus meetings with HT/DHTs.

- Access to the support of the Attainment Team's Speech and Language Therapists to
 develop language and communication which support children's literacy skills. This
 support is in the form of building the capacity of staff, parents and the wider community
 to promote good language and communication. It includes CLPL on Phonological
 Awareness, Speech Sound Development. A school's vital role in supporting language
 and communication, Listening and Attention, Talkboost, Buddy Training.
 - Either whole school training or access to the CLPL training via Gateway. Teaching staff and practitioners, Parents/carers and the wider community e.g. at 'Share the Learning' sessions.

Over session 2020-21 in-service and/or collegiate time TBC. Schools can 'opt in' w ith a view to becoming accredited as a Communication Friendly Establishment.

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners: Suggestions:

Using appropriate and effective assessment approaches to help inform teacher judgements e.g.

- Regular assessments for Phonics and Spelling provided within the ALP available on GLOW (Literacy Tile). Teachers will be provided with examples during training.
 - SAC Literacy ALP tile on Glow
- EAC Literacy Assessment Tools for Reading, Writing, Listening & Talking available on GLOW. Further assessment tools for reading are being piloted and should be available in 2020-21.
- EAC Writing Assessment Tool which supports gathering of assessment evidence at Early to Third Level for each genre of Writing. Writing Assessment Tools on Glow
- High Quality assessments created as moderation pieces.
- Phonological Awareness assessment tool P1 staff will receive advice on this tool: who to assess, based on ELLAT data for new P1 children, how to use the data and how to support gaps in phonological awareness. (This will articulate with the work of the Communication Champions and the Speech and Language Therapists work in the ECCs). This assessment may also be used to identify gaps in phonological awareness for older pupils with literacy difficulties.
- Using appropriate and effective collection of data to support increased pace and challenge or to identify when a learner needs support
- Staff survey of confidence in delivering the Active Literacy pedagogy pre and post training.

Pupil surveys: confidence and enjoyment.

+The PM Benchmarking Tool has been bought for each school. It requires some training for teachers. It can be time — consuming assessment but it does provide useful diagnostic information to identify next steps, difficulties and gaps. It can be useful to place a learner at the right reading level. It does not give a reading age: it places learner within a 'book band'. One of the Literacy SAC Team teachers can provide training in how to use this assessment tool. A Tracking Tool for Phonics and Spelling was developed to support teacher judgement and early identification of pupils who need support or challenge. It is available for schools to

Improvement Priority (Expressed as outcomes for learners)	LITERACY: To raise attainment in Literacy. Provision of Family Literacies Programme aimed at P1-7	Year 2019-20
Literacy Continued	Children and their families within SIMD 1+2 where poverty is a barrier to learning. Dyslexia Friendly Schools – advance to next level	
NIF Priorities	NIF Driver	HGIOS/HGIOELC QI's for self-evaluation
Improvement in attainment,	Parental engagement	
particularly in literacy and numeracy	Teacher Professionalism	2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.2

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
Family Literacies	Natasha	October 2020
 Identify and invite selected families to Taster/Information session (Maximum 10 families) 	Torbett	
Dedicated member of staff, from Adult Literacies, to assist in engaging families for the programme	Community Worker –	November2020
Six week Family Literacies Programme. (Minimum of 2 sessions running per week)	Adult Literacies	6 Week programme
<u>Dyslexia Friendly Schools</u> ■ Dyslexia Friendly Schools (D.F.S) - Working group to steer school towards Silver Award - Share necessary information with pupils, parents & staff	Lynn Paul DFS Co- ordinator	May 2021
 Tapestry Training Attend throughouts ession, focus on methodology. Much staff discussion/reflection Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) Enhanced staffing and resources purchased 	John McCracken RachelLeslie CT Annette Bryson Isabel Kirkland CA	August 2020 throughout session Session 2020- 21

Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh Lynsey Across • Develop a process of assessment, support and identification of literacy difficulties for pupils at risk of Dyslexia Ab ercrombie & session 2020through Gaelic Medium Education (GME). Gaelic 21 Working Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh Group • Staff will trial an electronic formatfor the tracking and recording of Literacy across the Early Level. Sgoil-Àraich Across ELCCPs and session 2020-Lynsey 21 Abercrombie

Reflective Notes - (Evidence of Impact on Learners)

Family Literacies-Targeted approach

DfS- Collect evidence to confirm progress made across the session.

N.B. Self-evaluation of this priority should be reflected in the Standards and Quality Report for this academic session.

Improvement Priority (Expressed as outcomes for learners) Numeracy: To raise attainment in Numeracy Year 3 James Hamilton Primary School, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh & Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh	Improved outcomes in numeracyfor all pupils (implementation of "Raising Attainment in Numeracy" practice). Improve outcomes in across counting, place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division (access to SAC and CLPL menu).	evidence. The "Raising Attainment in Numeracy" Program and contains very clear methodology and strategies	
NIF Priorities Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy	NIF Driver Teacher Professionalism Assessment of Children's Progress Parental Engagement	HGIOS/HGIOELC Ql's for self-evaluation 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 3.2	

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When	

•	Access to training in using active numeracy approaches to teaching counting, place value,	Teaching staff: training is arranged	September
	addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Training provided by Lynda Keith and	thus: At least1 teacher at Early	2020- initial
	Robert McCallum SAC Numeracy Manager and SAC numeracy team early in September	level, 1 teacher at First Level and 1	webinars,
	2019 and October 2019. Staff and SMT engagement with SAC Numeracy manager, Robert	teacher at Second Level plus 1	further 3
	McCallum, SAC ProjectLead Lindsay Bull and Attainment Advisor, Cara Cooper to support	place for numeracy champion for all	planned
	successful engagementand development with the numeracy programme as it is rolled out.	s tages across the training (3 initial	(Nov, Feb,
	All staff engaging in training will participate in Collaborative Action Research (CAR) to	days day per stage) provided by	and May).
	evaluate the impact of pedagogical changes.	Lynda Keith and the SAC team	
		ELCCP- Carrie McIntyre join Early	
		Level session training	
		SAC team	
		SMT and Numeracy Manager-	Planned for
		Joanne Fulton (overview training)	14 th May
		provided by SAC team.	2020
			(reschedule
			d during
			session
			20/21)
		SAC teacher and school staff (SAC)	_
•	Coaching, modelling, mentoring and co-op teaching to support the implementation of 'Raising	teacher support block) Support	Over
	Attainment in Numeracy' practice.	blocks organised by SAC project	session 2020-21
		lead, SAC Numeracy Manager and	2020-21
		HT.	
	T		Over
•	Training and support for Class room Assistants (CAs) to be provided by Attainment	CA- Victoria McAulay – Bespoke	session
	Improvement Mentors (AIMs). Training will provide approaches for CAs to support children	training sessions and coaching and	2020-21
	within numeracy activities. AlMs will provide modelling and coaching for CAs to support	modelling where appropriate.	2020-21
	interventions where appropriate		
	Access to training on the development of mathematical thinking and skills development within	Tarabia na ta ff th	Over
•	Access to training on the development of mathematical thinking and skills development within the numeracy and maths curriculum. Training provided by Robert McCallum SAC Numeracy	Teaching staff: three single day	session
	Manager and Lynda Keith providing inputs on the themes of algebraic reasoning (Early to	sessions across the themes stated	2020-21
	Fourth Level), Progression in mathematical skills and planning and assessmentfor		- ·
	contextualised learning.		
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			2020-21
	<u>bil Equity Fund (PEF)</u> nanced staffing and res ources purchased	RachelLeslie CT Annette Bryson Isabel Kirkland CA	Session
	Level.		session 2020-21
•	Staff will trial an electronic format for the tracking and recording of Numeracy across the Early	Abercrombie	Over
Sg	oil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh	Sgoil-Àraich ELCCPs and Lyns ey	2020-21
•	$\label{eq:GME} \textit{GME staff will visit/ team teach with Numeracy Champion to further embed the use of Number Talks within their classes.}$	 Lynsey Abercrombie & GME teaching staff 	Over session
•	Team will develop additional Number Talks resources and reproduce current English resources in the Gaelic language for use throughout GME classes.	 Lyns ey Abercrombie & Gaelic Working Party 	Over session 2020-21
Sg	oil na Coille Nuaidh		
•	Attended throughouts ession focus on methodology and practice. Much staff discussion/reflection.		Over session 2020-21
<u>Ta</u> ı	nestry Training	John McCracken	collegiate time
•	Opportunities for parents to find out more about Number Talks then view in classes.	Parental workshops- Joanne Fulton	/in service or
•	Access to universal provision of numeracy and mathematics training for all school staff.	 Either whole school training or access to the CLPL training via Gateway. Teaching staff and practitioners. 	Over session 2020-21
	professional judgements – linking to the planning for learning teaching and assessment cycle, moderation activities and monitoring and tracking information.	SAC team	Over session 2020-21
	support the planning of learning pathways for learners and to support reliable teacher	Education Group) supported by the	

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for Learners

Suggestions:

Using appropriate and effective collection of data to supportincreased pace and challenge – **Working Group Focus**Using appropriate and effective collection of data to identify when a learner needs supportand to identify an appropriate intervention–**Working Group Focus**

Using appropriate and effective assessment approaches to help inform teacher judgements.— Working Group Focus Staff survey of confidence in delivering numeracy and mathematics pedagogy— pre and posttraining- Joanne Fulton

Pupils surveys: confidence and enjoyment- related to Number Talks- Joanne Fulton

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Improvement Priority (Expressed as outcomes for learners)	HEALTH & WELLBEING (HWB)	Year 2020/21
James Hamilton Primary School, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh & Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh		
NIF Priorities	NIF Driver	HGIOS/HGIOELC QI's for self-evaluation
Improvementin children and	Performance information - Promote Lifelong Learning –	
young people's health and wellbeing	Equality & Fairness Parental Engagement	2.2, 2.5, 3.1

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When

Rights Respecting School - Working group to share necessary information with pupils, staff and pare Review and update Respectful Relationships Policy, add learning setting statement.		August 2020– June 2021
<u>HWB</u> - All teaching staff to embed East Ayrshire HWB Progression Framework, including Mental wellbeing.	Lesley Stewart/ Catriona O'Neill	Session 2020-21
-Implement HWB authority tracker to ensure needs are being metand that pupils are making suitable pr	rogress.	
-Implement Emotion Works resource across the school.	Acting PT	
-Improve Gender Balance Equalities (IGBE) Awareness raising for staff.	Jen Baldie (IGBE)	Session 2020-21
-CANI Coaching, "Believe to Achieve" training for looked after and accommodated children (TBC)	lan Burgoyne	
Respect Me anti-bullying project (Pilot)-carried forward from session 2019-20. - Kilmarnock Education Group involved to pilot - Awareness Raising, create a Respect Me (staff, parents and external staff) - Hold awareness raising of Respect Me and anti-bullying initiatives at pre-arranged school events Staff trained to lead Respect Me training day and then cascade to colleagues Education group Respect Me leads to meet to arrange Respect Me information sessions With support from the Respect Me trainers, the Respect Me teams organise parent information sessions.	Catriona O'Neill/ Les ley Stewart	Session 2020/21
Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) - Enhanced staffing - Breakfast Club - Target Zone resources/Nurture resources - Bespoke class resources - Cover staff training costs in Nurture and HWB	Roslyn Sockell Sandra Fulton <u>B/Club Supervisor</u> Veronica Reilly Julie Duff <u>Admin Support</u>	Session 2020-21
Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh Staff will trial an electronic format for the tracking and recording of HWB across the Early Level.	Sgoil-Àraich ELCCPs and Lynsey Abercrombie	Session 2020-21

Reflective Notes – (May include notes on progress, evidence, specific success, challenges)

- -Massage in Schools Programme implemented throughout the session. Training opportunities available for new staff.
- -Pupil survey indicates level of enjoyment
- -Teachers report that MISP has a calming effect on the class and positive impact on learning.
- -Respect Me pilot legacy

Parents, carers, pupils and staff are more aware of the role they can play to promote respectful, positive relationships and where to go to get appropriate supports.

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Summary of School Improvement Plan - 2020/2021

Our main priorities this session are:

1. LITERACY: - To improve outcomes in literacy for all pupils

- Literacy Working Group to attend substantial training in active literacy approaches (Year 2)
- Coaching, modelling, mentoring and co-op teaching to support implementation and raise attainment in literacy
- Family Literacies Programme to work with targeted families
- Dyslexia Friendly Schools progress towards next award
- Tapestry Training focus on methodology and good practice
- Gaelic Medium Education (GME)

Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh

Develop a process of assessment, support and identification of literacy difficulties for pupils at risk of Dyslexia through Gaelic Medium Education.

Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh

Staff will trial an electronic formatfor the tracking and recording of Literacy across the Early Level.

2. NUMERACY: - To IMPROVE OUTCOMES IN NUMERACY FOR ALL PUPILS

- Numeracy Working Group attend substantial training in active numeracy approaches (Year 3)
- Coaching, modelling, mentoring and co-op teaching to support implementation and raise attainment in numeracy
- Number Talks Hold parental information session have opportunity to see Number Talks in action
- Tapestry Training focus on methodology and good practice
- Gaelic Medium Education (GME)

Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh

Team will develop additional Number Talks resources and reproduce current English resources in the Gaelic language for use throughout GME classes.

GME staff will visit/ team teach with Numeracy Champion to further embed the use of Number Talks within their classes.

Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh

Staff will trial an electronic formatfor the tracking and recording of Numeracy across the Early Level.

3. **HEALTH & WELLBEING:**

- Rights Respecting Schools- Raise awareness of Respectful Relationships Policy
- Embed EA Progression Framework for Health and Wellbeing and implement HWB authority tracker
- Awareness raising around 'Improve Gender Balance Equalities' (IGBE)
- Respect Me anti bullying project joint project across Kilmarnock Education Group (carried forward from session 2019-20)
- Gaelic Medium Education (GME)

Sgoil-Àraich na Coille Nuaidh

Staff will trial an electronic formatfor the tracking and recording of HWB across the Early Level.

4. PUPIL EQUITY FUND (P.E.F)

• Provides enhanced staffing and additional resources to progress school improvement plan