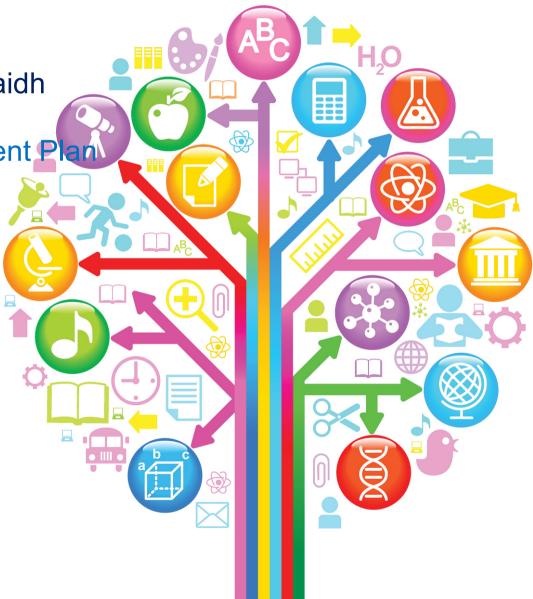
East Ayrshire Council

James Hamilton Primary Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh

Establishment Improvement Plan

2024/25



School Improvement Plan	James Hamilton Primary, Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh & Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh
Head Teacher	Lorraine Dougan
Date Submitted	Submitted to Chief Education Officer on : 26.06.24

School/ Centre	As a school we regularly engage with our vision, values and aims statement. These values are promoted through
Vision and Values	our use of Class Charters and the UNCRC.
	This information has been shared with the school community and we refer to this consistently through our school
	rules, class charters, and Rights Respecting Schools journey.
	We recently review our school values in session 23/24 and consulted with all stakeholders (children,
	parents/carers, staff) to create a new set of values.
	<u>Vision</u>
	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.
	a sheantainn agus ane a' strí gas a bhith cho soirbheachail 's a' s arrainn anainn a bhith.
	Values
	These are the values that we want the whole school community to be showing every day. We want everyone to live
	by our school values and show this in how they behave around our school and our community. That includes all of
	the children and young people, the teachers, the classroom assistants, the dinner ladies, the cleaners, the janitor,
	other people who help and support in our school including our parents
	Safe, Kind, Respected,
	Sàbhailte, Còir, Urramaitche

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	
Parent Council and Forum	~
Teachers, practitioners and ALL school/centre staff	
Volunteers/ Community partners	
Local bodies representing teachers, staff, volunteers and any	·

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

parent bodies further associated to	
the school/centre.	

improvement and in the improvement activities specified	
HGIOS 4 and HGIOELC are used as the frameworks to inform the content of SIPs	
There is clear focus throughout the plan on measures to reduce of inequalities of outcome as a result of socio-economic disadvantage.	

Head Teacher / Head of Centre Signature:

Pupil and parental strategic involvement

For session 2024-5, please describe below how children and young people will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre

For session 2024-5, please describe below how parents will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre

In preparation for 24/25

- The Pupil Council, Sports Committee, Reading Leaders and Digital Leaders contributed to planning next steps in school improvement through their involvement in committee meeting. This identified what work they had completed this session and what their next steps would be. This directly shaped some aspects of the improvement plan for session 23/24.
- All children and young people had the opportunity to contribute to shaping the school improvement plans via a 'Pizza and Coke' night with their families. They had the chance to explore and collaborate spending a participatory budget in line with school improvement ideas, which also linked to how the Pupil Equity Fund could be spent.
- All children from P4 upwards completed a questionnaire

During session 24/25

- All children will revisit and review S.I.P priorities through termly assemblies.
- Pupil Council will review and discuss the school improvement priorities termly as part of their meetings.
- Through SLT classroom monitoring visits, all children will answer key questions based on their experiences and evaluations of the school

In preparation for 24/25

- All families had the opportunity to contribute to shaping the school improvement plans via a 'Pizza and Coke' night. They had the chance to explore and collaborate spending a participatory budget in line with school improvement ideas, which also linked to how the Pupil Equity Fund could be spent. Their ideas then went out to a full school online vote, and the most popular ideas have been included in the school improvement plan and will form the grassroots of some of our partnership working next session.
- All parents and carers had an opportunity to contribute their views in regards to HGIOS via questionnaires/ Forms.

During session 24/25

- Across the year parents and carers from every class will have the opportunity to attend two "Sharing the Learning" sessions with their children to experience teaching and learning first hand and to learn about how to support children with learning at home. Parents and Carers will be asked to complete an evaluation task to inform improvements or make suggestions for the next "Sharing the Learning" session.
- Parents and carers will have opportunities to become involved in the life of the school via Parent Helpers, Parent Workshops, Parent Club and Parent Blether and Twalk Groups.

- Every child from Primary 4 upwards will have the opportunity to be on a school committee/take on a leadership role. At the end of every session, children will undertake an evaluation exercise on the impact/success and areas for improvement of the committee/ role.
- Through Rights Respecting Schools all pupils will be involved in the promotion of four key areas wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem. All children will be involved in the creation of class charters.
- All classes will have one 'Share the Learning' session per term (3 across the year). After the sessions parents and children will be asked to complete an evaluation form to share their views and suggestions for the next session.
- Some children will be involved in leading assemblies throughout the school year and share their views and ideas on learning with the rest of the school, parents and carers and the wider community.
- A selection of children will be involved in learner conversations throughout the year and will have the opportunity to respond to issues around teaching and learning.
- All children will have the opportunity to share their views on aspects of school life through the 'Pupil Council', our other pupil groups and via individual questionnaires. In the lower school this will happen through 'Together Time', floor books and children's questionnaires.

- We will make wider use of survey-type responses to gather parental views, which in turn will influence decision-making within the school.
- All Parents and carers will have the opportunity to share their views and opinions relating to the operation and development of the school through opportunities such as Blethers, Open Afternoon Sessions etc.
- Through our very active Parent Council, parents and carers will continue to have a voice in how the school moves forward.

- To build the foundation for a holistic digital transformation using Microsoft's Education Framework.
- To create sustainable change in teaching and learning practices using Microsoft resources.
- To develop learners 'future ready' skills.

Education Service Improvement Plan 1: Our Leadership

We actively support, promote and enact leadership at all levels. Our young people are supported to be leaders of their learning in our centres, schools and wider life experiences. All staff have ready access to appropriate CLPL and experiences to promote leadership in every classroom, playroom and centre.

QI 1.3 Leadership of change

QI 3.3 Creativity and Employability

NIF driver: School and ELC Leadrship

UNCRC: UNCRC Article 12 Right to be heard/respect for the views of the child

 Identify two members of staff to become Microsoft Advanced Educators. Identify one member of staff to become an MIE Expert. 	What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
 Submit Microsoft Incubator Programme Sway application. All staff to create Microsoft Learn accounts. Identify two members of staff to become Microsoft Advanced Educators. Identify one member of staff to become an MIE Expert. L Paul L Paul August 2 August 2 L Paul August 2 August 2 August 2 	JHPS & SnCN will be participating in the Microsoft Incubator Programme. This will be a 2 year project to		
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		L Paul	October 24
All teaching staff to complete the MS learning module 'Master Microsoft Teams for Any Learning Environment'. (4/8 modules completed during session 24/25) All teaching staff May 25		All teaching staff	May 25

•	All teaching staff to complete the MS learning module '21 st Century Learning Design'. This provides a collaborative, practice-based process to help educators transform how they design enriching learning activities for their learners. (4/8 modules completed during session 24/25)	All teaching staff	May 25
•	Embed the use of MS Teams tools to enhance teaching and learning within P3-P7 classrooms.	All teaching staff	May 25
•	Embed clear and practical ways to develop 21st skills using digital technologies with all learners.	All teaching staff	May 25
•	Monitor progress through the Incubator programme using the assessment tools - Showcase School Rubric, Showcase Schools Criteria and the Innovative Teaching Practices Index.(ESIP1.2)	L Paul	At least once per term.
•	Pupil Digital Leaders group to be trained on using MS Teams in conjunction with staff training to be peer supporters within the classroom. (ESIP1.4)	L Paul	At least 3 meetings per term.
•	Link with Vibrant Communities to offer digital workshops to upskill parents/carers in using technology. (ESIP1.3)	L Paul S Swan	Ocotber 24

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When
PEF Funding to support funding of Acting Principal Teacher to lead this development work and ensure all young people, and those in particular negatively impacted by poverty, develop skills for life, learning, work and the future.	 All pupils in P3-7 to be regularly accessing and using MS Teams and its functions. Evidence/Data LPaul to be an admin of all class Teams to monitor use. Photographs of pupils using Teams. Twitter/X posts. Pupils can talk about how they use MS Teams. All pupils to be accessing learning activities involving future ready skills. 	L Paul to oversee implementation. All teaching staff involved in the programme and embedding within the classroom.	This will start in August 2024 and develop across the school year as staff receive training sessions.

Evidence/Data Photographs of learning. Examples of pupil work completed. Through SLT teaching and learning observations, learning walks and peer observations. Twitter/X posts. Pupil focus groups to talk about their learning. • All pupils in P3-7 to be accessing MS Office 365 tools and resources. Evidence/Data Photographs of learning. Examples of pupil work completed - emailed to show use of Outlook by pupils. Twitter/X posts. Pupils focus groups to talk about their learning.

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners.

- All pupils in P3-7 to be regularly accessing and using MS Teams and its functions.
- All pupils to be accessing learning activities involving future ready skills.
- All pupils in P3-7 to be accessing MS Office 365 tools and resources.
- Increased confidence of staff to deliver learning and teaching through MS Office 365 tools and resources.

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

*To improve children's engagement in learning activities.

*To create sustainable change in teaching and learning practices to positively impact on the learning experiences of children.

*To support learners to use their next steps in to move forward in their learning.

Education Service Improvement Plan Priority 2: Teaching and Learning Together

Our young people should experience a teaching, learning and curriculum offer that meets their needs, and those of our local and national context. All staff should be supported to deliver in new and innovative ways by accessing CLPL relevant to their needs and those of our young people.

QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: UNCRC Article 3: Best interest of the child

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
 Leader Of Learning identified and take lead in developments using pedagogical strategies across the curriculum related to develop adaptive teaching and differentiation strategies to improve staff skills and support improved learning and teaching. (ESIP2.1/ 2.2/2.3/2.4) 	LOL Teaching staff	Aug-April 25
 All staff, pupils and parents to be involved in the review of Our Excellent Learning Experience to agree a shared understanding of the learners experience. Integral to this will be an agreed lesson framework. Snapshot jotters will be used to share children's learning journey in P4-7, with an appropriate version of this being developed in the lower school P1-3. (ESIP2.1/ 2.2/2.3/2.4/2.6) 	Teaching staff Lead on SShot: SW/LE	Aug-April 25
The school will develop an effective school and community approach to Learning for Sustainability. This will ensure global citizenship, sustainable development education and outdoor learning are woven through the curriculum to create a coherent experience for all learners. (ESIP2.4/2.5)	SSwan & Staff member tbc	Aug-April 25

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When
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Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners.

- Consistent use of LI and SC is observed in most classes(75-90%) to support learners and at least 70% of learners are on track in their learning
- A more consistent approach to co-creating success criteria is observed in most class (75-90%) in P4-7
- Meaningful assessments are used to highlight next steps for learners.
- Most teachers (75-90%) are making effective use of adaptive teaching strategies and differentiation through our Leader of Learning to improve engagement and accessibility for all learners to learning experiences and opportunities.

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*Close the attainment gap and improve attainment in literacy for all children with a particular focus on children within SIMD 1 and 2.

*Use a variety of teaching for effective learning strategies with at least 70% of learners on track appropriate to their age and stage.

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QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: UNCRC Article 3: Best interest of the child / Article 28: A right to a good education

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What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
 Continued engagement with SAC Literacy Manager Gail Elder to ensure consistent delivery of literacy pedagogy, staff training, resource development, moderation activities and in-school support/professional dialogue. (ESIP2.1/ 2.2/2.4) 	J Baldie (PT)	Dates agreed by Sept 2024.
Working group and pupil group to complete updated EA Listening and Talking self-evaluation tool to identify areas of strength and development. Whole staff to be involved in delivering quality listening	J Baldie (PT) All teaching staff Literacy Leaders Group	Ongoing throughout 24/25 session.
Working group to further develop non-fiction materials in P2-7 to support a variety of new texts	J Baldie (PT) Literacy Working Gp	End of Term 3.
All children have regular opportunities for reading for enjoyment (e.g. ERIC/DEAR) at least 3x weekly in class.	All teaching staff	Ongoing across session.
Deliver termly events for parents and children to promote literacy across the school (ESIP2.5)	J Baldie (PT) Literacy Working Gp	Evaluate May 25.

•	Develop Parent Group to support literacy activities across Primaries 1-4. (ESIP2.5)	J Baldie (PT)	Dates set by Sept 24.
•	Develop links with the Dick Institute to promote reading for enjoyment and access to local library services.	J Baldie (PT) Literacy Leaders Group	Term 3 and 4.
•	Moderation of reading and writing including stage partners, school literacy lead and EA Literacy Manager. Further develop this across Education Group trhough collaborative working across settings.	J Baldie (PT) L Dougan (HT)	Agreed dates/activities by end Term 1. Tbc
•	All P4-7 pupils to have access to Reading Eggs platform. Staff to access training resources to support roll out. (ESIP2.7)	All P4-7 teaching staff.	Term 1
•	All children (100%) to be involved in paired reading block (4-6 weeks) across academic session with a child from another class.	J Baldie (PT) Literacy Working Gp	Timetable of blocks to be agreed by end Term 1.
•	Revise Literacy Position Paper in June 2025.	J Baldie (PT) Literacy Working Gp	May 25

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When
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Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners.

- Improved staff confidence in using updated EA assessment tool in writing, including professional dialogue with EA Literacy Manager, colleagues and SLT.
- EALP fully embedded across all stages.
- Reading Eggs platform in P4-7 (one stage per term), almost all children (90%) will show improvements in data collected.
- Improvement in listening and talking skills of all pupils, with a focus on narrative in P1-2 and group discussion in P3-7.
- Regular opportunities across the school year to promote reading for enjoyment and participation in national events.

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*To close the attainment gap and improve attainment in Numeracy & Maths for all children, using a variety of teaching for effective learning strategies with at least 70% on track appropriate to their age and stage.

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QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: Article 3: Best interest of the child / Article 28: A right to a good education

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
To raise attainment in numeracy by introducing an in-school initiative aimed at	J Fulton (PT) All Class	Implementation by September
consolidation learning and recall of times tables in P4-7. (ESIP2.1)	Teachers (P4-7)	2024
To support, encourage and consolidate number sense in P1-3		
To improve children's skills in telling the time, using digital and analogue time across Early-Second Level	All Class	Implementation by January 2025
Larry Occord Level	J Fulton (PT) All Class teachers (P1-7)	Be ready to implement Feb 2024

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact	Who	When
	data / evidence that will be		
	collected to track impact		

Boost Teacher funded for part of the year to provide support to close the attainment gap.

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners.

- Most (at least 75%) of pupils will demonstrate an improvement in their use of times tables. This will be measured using baseline and follow up assessments throughout the session.
- Improvement in results in FDP. This will be measured using baseline and follow up assessments throughout the session.
- A common language and methodology document to be used across all stages and levels in the school will ensure consistency of approach and experience.

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*To improve children's prosocial skills.

*To support children to develop skills of coregulation and selfregulation. To ensure children are aware of their rights and can exercise these.

*To ensure that all children have opportunities to improve physical fitness.

*To develop the children's understanding of SEBN and neurodiversity to create a better sense of self and others.

Education Service Improvement Plan Priority 3: Our wellbeing and belonging

We want all of our young people to feel supported by people who know them well, and feel included in all of our schools and centres. Our staff need to be supported in their working with our young people, especially in times of adversity. As a key universal service, it is our vision that all young people attend our establishments on a full-time and regular basis to support them in their development at all stages.

QI 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: Article 28: A right to a good education

Article 29 – Aims of education. "Children's education should fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences."

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy (ESIP3.1) Collate results of staff, parent and pupil surveys and adapt the PPB Policy Adapt accordingly when updated EAC Relationships Framework Policy is available Staff CLPL sessions with school Ed Psychologist	HWB working group EAC HWB group F MacDonald Ed Psychologist	Term 1
 Continue to promote the Respectme anti-bullying programme Through class lessons, assemblies and visual reminders 	S Swan	

 Parents sessions, links shared to online guidance and supports on the school App. Further develop the use of Restorative Approaches Training for new staff Parent information sessions, links shared to online guidance and supports shared on the school App Train Senior and Junior Ambassadors to support R A in the playground. 	Class teachers SLT S Swan L Stewart HWB Group Pupil Ambassador group	August '24 – June'25 Term 1 and Term 2
Work towards RRS Gold Award Create an action plan for Gold Create a pupils and staff focus group to include parents Promote RRS through assemblies and events in school throughout the session Articles displayed on correspondence with parents HWB Curriculum Development Pilot Year 2 of EAC HWB Frameworks (ESIP3.6) Pilot year 2 of EAC Progression Framework to reduce the HWB curriculum at each stage and allow for more depth and flexibility. HWB Assessment Record Sheets to be piloted to support staff to log attainment of pupils. **Full details on next section of SIP** Embed SEBN – Neurodiversity programme across all stages (ESIP3.1/3.2) Provide Training for staff, pupils and parents. To create a Neurodiversity programme for all stages. To pilot the new authority tracking for dysregulated behaviour incidents.	L MacDonald L Stewart HWB Group Office staff L Stewart HWB Working group K Gorry Class teachers	Term 1 Aug'24 – June'25 Aug'24 Term 2

To provide increased opportunities for further improve physical fitness and increase active opportunities for pupils. • Embed Sport for Scotland Gold Award outcomes. • Increase daily opportunities for Physical activity for all pupils by • Increasing opportunities for outdoor learning • Timetabling active sessions throughout the day for regulation breaks	D Shaw Active School coordinator L Stewart M Walker	Term 1 – Term 4
		Aug'24 – June'25

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When
PEF funded HLW will support improved attendance using robust and rigorous systems to ensure consistency when supporting attendance, with earlier universal and targeted interventions put in place.	Improved attendance for target group.	SSwan/HT	Monthly 24/25
 Outreach work with families provided by PEF funded HLW, including our care experienced young people. (ESIP3.4) 	Families are offered HLW support where difficulties arise.		
Pro-social behaviours and attitudes (ESIP3.6) • PEF funded HLW will continue to promote the Respectme antibullying programme through class sessions, small group sessions, assemblies and visual reminders. ○ PEF funded HLW/ VB HLW will continue to facilitate Parents sessions, links shared to online guidance and supports on the school App.	All stake holders will have opportunities to engage in our Respectme development work. We will engage with new partners to continue to support parental engagement.	LStewart/ SSwan SSwan/ LGallagher	Aug-June 24-24
		HWB Group	

Commitment to Poverty Proof the school and make the cost of the school day accessible for all. (ESIP3.8) HLW/ HWB Team will facilitate regular uniform swap shops Financial inclusion support for families made available for paid activities within the school when required. Promote free period products monthly on the App and in displays at all events. Provide meals daily to families requiring support through food dignity programme in partnership with school catering	All children and families will have access to (or support to access) school uniform, all activities, period products and food through our cost of the school day pro-active action.	Office Staff SLT Kitchen Staff	
team.			

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners

- All staff (100%) will implement the updated school Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy.
- All pupils (100%) will learn about and follow the Respectme Anti-Bullying programme in school.
- Almost all (95%) pupils, staff and parents will have
 - o -Training on Restorative Approaches
 - o -Be able to use restorative language
 - Take part in restorative conversations.
- Almost all pupils (95%) will understand what the UNCRC is and how this enables them to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.
- All pupils, staff and parents/carers (100%) will have opportunities to develop their understanding of social, emotional and behavioural needs (SEBN) and neurodiversity.
- All pupils (100%) will have opportunities to improve Physical Fitness and take part in outdoor education. Some pupils will have the opportunity to have a leadership role through the School's Sports Leaders Committee.
- Almost all (95%) will have access to school uniforms and barriers reduced to allow them take part in all school related activities.

*All pupils, staff and parents/carers (100%) will have opportunities to develop their understanding of social, emotional and behavioural needs (SEBN) and neurodiversity

*All learners with identified neurodevelopmental needs or SEBN (100%) and their parents/carers will have opportunities to inform the way that school events such as discos, Sports Day and fundraising activities are run

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QI 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: Article 29 – Aims of education. "Children's education should fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences."

UNCRC Article 12 – Respect for children's views. "Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously"

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
(ESIP3.1/3.2)	K. Gorry/ Ed Psych	Begin Aug '24
 Whole staff team development opportunities to look at supporting improved behaviours within the school, in partnership with the Educational Psychologist and other partners. Staff will choose top 3 priorities and create and action plan to help target improvement in these area. Subsequent development work will take place. 	K. Gorry	By Dec '24
Develop a programme of study, with resources for all stages		
		By March '25

	Opportunities for pupils/members of the community with specific needs to share their experiences	Volunteers - coordinated by K. Gorry	
• F	Parent/carer information workshops	K. Gorry/ Ed Psych	Begin Oct '24
• 8	Support group for parents/carers of pupils with neurodevelopmental or SEBN needs	K.Gorry/ S. Swan/ SLT	Begin Oct '24
• (Consultation group	K. Gorry/ SLT	Begin Sept '24

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence	Who	When
outcome?	that will be collected to track impact		
(ESIP3.1/3.2)	The following will be used to collect evidence		
 0.5 additional teaching staff and an additional C.A 	of impact for all learners, with a specific focus		
to be allocated specifically for inclusion.	on SIMD 1-4:		
 Purchase additional resources to support the 	 Pupil progress in HWB tracked using 	CTs/ L. Stewart	Term 2 &
HWB of learners	the GMWP		Term 4
	 Well-being webs 	K. Gorry	Termly
	 EAC regulation tracker and 	CTs/ K.Gorry	As required
	dysregulation analysis tool		
	Absence monitoring	S. Swan	Termly
	SHE incident reports/ exclusion data	L.Dougan	May 2025
	 Consultation with staff, pupils and 		
	parents/carers via focus groups and	K. Gorry/ L.	Termly
	questionnaires.	Dougan	

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners

- The teaching of specific topics (The Brain & Neurodiversity; Emotions & Regulation; Resilience; Respect) will be integrated into the HWB curriculum at all stages (100%) through access to a programme of study that includes a range of stage appropriate resources
- All learners (100%) will have the opportunity to participate in at least 1 activity where someone with neurodevelopmental needs/ SEBN shares their personal experiences first hand

- All parents/carers (100%) will be given the opportunity to attend information sessions in relation to neurodevelopmental needs/ SEBN. One session will be held each term.
- All parents/carers (100%) will be invited to sign up for a series of activity workshops with their child, in relation to neurodevelopmental needs/ SEBN. A small number (max 10) will attend at any one time.
- All parents/carers (100%) of pupils with identified neurodevelopmental needs/ SEBN will be invited to attend a support group (Kindness Café)
- All pupils (100%) with identified neurodevelopmental needs/ SEBN, and their parents and carers, will be consulted on 2 separate
 occasions September 2024 and May 2025; giving them the opportunity to inform the planning of school events and evaluate
 impact.

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

*To raise attainment and achievement in Maths and Numeracy

*To support young people to work collaboratively.

*To develop pupils' mathematical thinking through exploring and noticing to solve problems.

*To develop pupils' mathematical thinking through working systematically to solve problems.

*To develop transferrable skills for life, learning and the world of work.

Education Service Improvement Plan Priority 4: Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements

We want the very best for all of our young people in East Ayrshire. We aim to ensure that all young people secure a positive destination through excellent achievement and attainment at all levels.

QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: Article 28: A right to a good education

Article 29 – Aims of education. "Children's education should fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences."

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
 To use the nrich Problem Solving schools Charter to evaluate our progress and identify next steps in problem solving. 	L Paul	September 2024
All teaching staff to engage with 3 nrich Problem Solving Schools webinars to increase their own skills and knowledge within problem solving: (ESIP4.1)	All teaching staff.	1 webinar per term.
 Supporting Students to Work Collaboratively 		
 Developing Mathematical Thinking – Exploring and Noticing 		
 Developing Mathematical Thinking – Working Systematically 		
	All teaching	A problem
	staff	solving

 Following the webinars, staff to plan, teach and assess problem solving tasks related to the webinar theme using the suggested resources from nrich. Staff to meet at the end of each term to moderate and evaluate the impact of the focus problem solvin strategy. (ESIP4.2) 	All teaching staff	focus each term. Staff to meet at the end of each term

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact	Who	When
	data / evidence that will be		
	collected to track impact		
 PEF Funding to support funding of Acting Principal Teacher to lead 	All pupils from P1 to P7 to	L Paul to	This will
this development work and ensure all young people, and those in	engage in problem solving	oversee	start in
particular negatively impacted by poverty, develop skills for life,	activities each term.	implementation	August
learning, work and the future. (ESIP4.4/4.5)	Evidence/Data:	and lead	2024 with
	 Photographs 	training	a different
	 Examples of pupil 	sessions for	problem
	work	staff.	solving
	 Pupil focus groups 		focus
	for feedback.	All teaching	each term.
	All pupils to develop their	staff involved	
	ability to work	in the nrich	Staff will
	collaboratively.	Problem	moderate
	Evidence/Data:	Solving	and
	Photographs	Schools	evaluate
	 Examples of pupil 	programme to	progress
	work	embed	at the end
	 Moderation 	problem	of a term
	paperwork	solving into	for each
	completed by	teaching and	problem
	teaching staff to	learning within	solving
	locationing order to	the classroom.	strategy.

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record professional	
dialogue.	L Paul to
 Pupil focus groups 	speak to
for feedback.	focus
All pupils to develop their	groups of
mathematical thinking	pupils
through exploring and	each term
noticing.	to gain
Evidence/Data	feedback.
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Examples of pupil	
work	
paperwork	
completed by	
teaching staff to	
record professional	
dialogue.	
 Pupil focus groups 	
for feedback.	
All pupils to develop their	
mathematical thinking	
through working	
systematically.	
Evidence/Data:	
○ Photographs	
 Examples of pupil 	
work	
 Moderation 	
paperwork	
completed by	
teaching staff to	
record professional	
dialogue.	
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 Pupil focus groups for feedback. 	

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners

- All pupils from P1 to P7 will engage in problem solving activities each term.
- All pupils will develop their ability to work collaboratively.
- All pupils will develop their mathematical thinking through exploring and noticing.
- All pupils will develop their mathematical thinking through working systematically.

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

Summary of Improvement Plan

Our Leadership	Teaching and Learning Together
Developing digital skills	 Develop skills in listening and talking Engage with a variety of non-fiction reading materials Increased opportunities for reading for enjoyment Adaptive teaching and differentiation Develop numeracy skills (x tables) To improve concept of time
Our wellbeing and belonging	Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements
 Promoting positive Behaviour Work towards RRS Gold Develop HWB Curriculum Improve physical fitness Support improved attendance Homelink worker support Developing understanding of SEBN and neurodiversity 	Problem solving

GME specific targeted improvements

Improvement Priorities

*Almost all GME pupils will engage in and further develop their Gaelic language skills out with the school environment and establish links within the local and wider community.

Education Service Improvement Plan 1: Our Leadership

We actively support, promote and enact leadership at all levels. Our young people are supported to be leaders of their learning in our centres, schools and wider life experiences. All staff have ready access to appropriate CLPL and experiences to promote leadership in every classroom, playroom and centre.

QI 2.7 Partnerships

NIF driver: School and ELC Leadership

UNCRC: Article 30: You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion

GME Rationale- "Continue to build partnerships with relevant Gaelic organisations and groups to support the delivery of a range of cultural experiences for GME pupils" - EA Gaelic Language Plan 2023 – 2028

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?		Who	When
working. (ESIP1.1)		EA- J Easton NA- M MacNeill SA- R Hill	Dec 24 (event)
PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When

PEF Gaelic CA will support the use of Gaelic language for all pupils in SNCN in preparation for the planned event.	 All staff & pupils from SanCN & SNCN will have the opportunity to build further the collaborative culture across the Ayrshire LAs. All children will have the opportunity to engage in and use Gaelic out with the classroom setting. Pupil feedback questionnaire will be used to evaluate the personal impact on each la array form hairs.
	learner from being involved in this project.

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners.

- Children will use Gaelic out with the classroom setting with other children and adults.
- Staff and parents will be asked to complete feedback form on success of programme and how it has impacted their child.
- Pupil feedback questionnaire will be used to evaluate the personal impact on each learner from being involved in this project.

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*Most GME pupils will have improved outcomes in Listening and Talking.

Education Service Improvement Plan Priority 2: Teaching and Learning Together

Our young people should experience a teaching, learning and curriculum offer that meets their needs, and those of our local and national context. All staff should be supported to deliver in new and innovative ways by accessing CLPL relevant to their needs and those of our young people.

QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement

NIF driver: Curriculum and Assessment

UNCRC: Article 30: You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion / Article 28: A right to a good education

GME Rationale- ""A successful transition experience at this stage is likely to influence whether or not they can develop their full potential, and their ability to cope with future transitions"

-(OECD, 2017:13) Realising the Ambition: Being Me

"Schools and partners need to collaborate in planning learning 3-18 for Gaelic Medium Education to ensure continuity and progression in learning across all curriculum areas particularly into P1, between P7 and S1 and from the broad general education into the senior phase."

-(Education Scotland, Advice on Gaelic Education. First published 2015, updated 2022 pg. 30)

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
 Following collaboration with West Partnership, SanCN & SNCN will implement "Tog Gàidhlig" grammar progression framework. (Rationale- "(Teachers will) enable children to develop vocabulary connected to the different areas of the curriculum, language skills, grammar and an appreciation of Gaelic language and culture. They have clear plans and strategies in place to support them in doing this"- 8.3 Education Scotland Advice on GME). (ESIP2.1/2.2/2.3/2.4) 	All SanCN & SNCN staff	April 25

•	Implement a consistent approach to tracking and monitoring using the Learning Journals tool, to ensure high quality and robust information to support learning at all Early Level transitions, incorporating use of EAC progression planners and developmental milestones. (ESIP2.1/2.2/2.3/2.4)	L Abercrombie & SanCN staff	Sept 24

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When
PEF Gaelic CA will promote the use of Gaelic language for all pupils in SNCN through support by utilising the "Tog Gàidhlig" resource.	 Almost all pupils will demonstrate an improvement in appropriate use of grammar in the Gaelic language. This will be measured using baseline and follow up assessments throughout the session. SLT will have attended training sessions from EAC on use of Learning Journals as a tracking and monitoring tool and this will be fully implemented by SanCN staff throughout the session. 	All SanCN & SNCN staff L Abercrombie & SanCN staff	June 25 Sept 24

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners.

- Pupil's improvement in appropriate use of grammar in the Gaelic language will be measured using baseline and follow up assessments throughout the session.
- Learning Journals will be used as a tracking and monitoring tool by SanCN throughout the session.

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

*All pupils (100%) will have opportunities to improve Physical Fitness and take part in a variety of sports through the medium of Gaelic.

*All SanCN staff will be trained to support our learners by utilising a non-harmful behaviour management system designed to help professionals in any setting to provide the best possible Care, Welfare, Safety and Security of individuals presenting a range of crisis behaviours.

Education Service Improvement Plan Priority 3: Our wellbeing and belonging

We want all of our young people to feel supported by people who know them well, and feel included in all of our schools and centres. Our staff need to be supported in their working with our young people, especially in times of adversity. As a key universal service, it is our vision that all young people attend our establishments on a full-time and regular basis to support them in their development at all stages.

QI 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: Article 29 – Aims of education. "Children's education should fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences."

GME Rationale

In best practice learners are supported by fluent speakers, other schools and ELC seetings, colleges, community learning and development, families and Gaelic organisations. The makes Gaelic Medium education a responsibility for all and recognises the learning does not only take place in the classroom and playroom -4.4 Ed Scotland Advice on GME

Our school values of Safe, Kind and Respected are permeated through the CPI Guiding Philosophy of "Care, Welfare, Safety, Security" the training supports our school values by supporting staff to access a "non-harmful behaviour management system designed to help professionals in any setting to provide the best possible Care, Welfare, Safety and Security of individuals presenting a range of crisis behaviours"- CPI participant workbook 2021

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?		Who	When
 GME pupils will take part in Outdoor Learning opportunities using the Gaelic language. This will predominantly be through activities and workshops facilitated by Spòrs Gàidhlig and in partnership with Kilmarnock Academy staff and pupils *this target has been carried over from last session due to restructuring within Spòrs Gàidhlig*. EA Gaelic Language Plan 2023 – 2028 As CLPL, cascade the CPI Safety Intervention training to all SanCN staff to support reduction of frequency and intensity of dysregulated behaviour, including a focus on staff wellbeing. (ESIP3.1) 		All SNCN staff in partnership with Kilmarnock Academy and Spòrs Gàidhlig.	Oct 24
		L Abercrombie & SanCN staff	Feb 25
PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to tra impact	ck Who	When

PEF Gaelic CA will promote the use of Gaelic language for all pupils in SNCN through supporting activities provided by Spòrs Gàidhlig. PEF Gaelic CA will promote the use of Gaelic language for all pupils in SNCN through supporting activities provided by Spòrs Gàidhlig.	 Almost all children will have the opportunity to engage in and use Gaelic out with the classroom setting. More than 90% of children will use Gaelic in different settings allowing them to develop their vocabulary and confidence. All children will have the chance to develop their social language skills. Improved links with the community and outside agencies that offer Gaelic services. Children will work with KA pupils and staff, building relationships and aiding transition. 	Jun 25
	Through audits or accidents and incidents between academic sessions, we will see an improvement in the reduction of frequency and intensity of dysregulated behaviour. Through audits or accidents and incidents between academic sessions, we will be an incident behavior. DHT	Monthly audits from Aug 24
	supported on a termly basis through 'Supervision' type check in's with DHT.	Oct 24

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners

- Children will engage in and use Gaelic out with the classroom setting and increase their vocabulary. This will be evidenced in their written and spoken Gaelic.
- Children will work with KA pupils and staff and agencies that offer Gaelic throughout the year. This will be evidenced through events that take place throughout the year.
- Through audits or accidents and incidents between academic sessions, we will see an improvement in the reduction of frequency and intensity of dysregulated behaviour.

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

- * All GME pupils will have access to appropriate resources and/or support to raise attainment and help close the poverty related attainment gap.
- *All children will be provided with a robust transition programme to support them from ECC to P1.

Education Service Improvement Plan Priority 4: Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements

We want the very best for all of our young people in East Ayrshire. We aim to ensure that all young people secure a positive destination through excellent achievement and attainment at all levels.

QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement

NIF driver: Curriculum and assessment

UNCRC: Article 28: A right to a good education

Article 29 – Aims of education. "Children's education should fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences."

GME Rationale:

Education authorities are required to identify, assess and provide for a child or young person's additional needs. This requirement equally applies to children and young people in GME as it does to all children and young people in Scotland' -2.32 Statutory Guidance for Gaelic Education- Bòrd na Gàighlig. It is essential to have effective transition arrangements in place for children and young people learning through the medium of Gaelic as they move from stage to stage- 11.1 Education Scotland Advice on GME

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
 Staff will source/ adapt/ create a variety of resources to support our learners in GME who display a degree of additional support need in literacy and/or numeracy. Our staff will seek guidance from the East Ayrshire Support Team throughout this process. Provide all pre-school children (SanCN and other associated ECCs) transitioning to SNCN, access to a robust Transition programme following our recently published Early Level Transition Position Paper for GME. (ESIP4.1/4.2/4.5) 	SNCN staff	Jun 25
	SanCN & SNCN staff	Jun 25

PEF - What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Desired outcome and impact data / evidence that will be collected to track impact	Who	When
PEF Gaelic CA will support in creating new resources alongside SNCN teaching staff and will promote the use of these once in their final format.	Almost all children accessing these Gaelic ASN resources will demonstrate improved attainment in literacy and/or numeracy.	SNCN staff	Jun 25
	 Almost all children transitioning to SNCN in Aug 25, will complete our full transition programme throughout the session. 	SanCN & SNCN staff	Jun 25

Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners

- Children who access Gaelic ASN resources will demonstrate improved attainment in literacy and/or numeracy, evidenced through monitoring and tracking.
- Children transitioning to SNCN in Aug 25, will be invited to our full transition programme throughout the session with attendance recorded at each event.

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

Summary of Improvement Plan

Our Leadership	Teaching and Learning Together	
Collaborative working with other local authorities	Literacy improvements-focus on grammar in Gaelic	
Our wellbeing and belonging	Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements	
Outdoor LearningPromoting positive behaviour	Additional support in GMETransitions	