East
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Loudoun Academy











Loudoun Academy Improvement Plan 2025-26

School Improvement Plan	Loudoun Academy
Head Teacher	David Rose
Date Submitted	Submitted to Chief Education Officer on:

	OUR VISION						
	Loudoun Academy is a caring, ambitious and inclusive school community where everyone can succeed in reaching their aspirations. Our Vision is reflected in our modern motto 'Learning together, Achieving together' and our historic motto 'Spe et fiducia - in hope and trust'.						
	OUR VALUES						
	Our shared School Values are:						
	KINDNESS – being helpful and always showing care and understanding						
	DETERMINATION – working hard to overcome barriers and reach goals						
	EQUALITY - valuing everyone equally, seeing differences as strengths						
School / Centre Vision and Values	We show our Values in everything we do.						
	OUR AIMS						
	We strive for everyone at Loudoun Academy to have:						
	 A positive, safe learning environment, which supports good wellbeing Learning experiences which develop each person's unique potential An engaging curriculum which leads to high achievement for all Resilient, confident and independent attitudes, habits and skills Ownership, pride and citizenship in our school and wider communities Success beyond school in a range of different pathways 						
	Our Aims set out what we hope to achieve and how we measure success.						

Checklist

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.

SIP Consultation	Complete
included the following	
stakeholders:	
Children and Young	
People	
Parent Council and Forum	V
Teachers, practitioners and ALL school/centre staff	
Volunteers/ Community partners	/
Head Teacher / Head of Ce	entre
Signature: David Kose	

Content of plan	Complete
Takes account of strategic priorities outlined in the Education Service Improvement Plan. https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/E/Education-	✓
Service-Improvement-Plan.pdf HGIOS 4 and EYQF are used as the frameworks to inform the content of SIPs. Where appropriate.	V
https://education.gov.scot/media/v5sh3dqt/frwk2_hgios4.pdf https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/inspection-frameworks/quality-improvement-framework-for-the-early-learning-and-childcare-sectors/	
There is clear focus throughout the plan on measures to reduce of inequalities of outcome as a result of socio-economic disadvantage. PEF: https://www.gov.scot/publications/pupil-equity-funding-national-operational-	V
guidance-2023/documents/ CEF: https://www.gov.scot/publications/care-experienced-children-young-people-	
fund-operational-guidance-2023-24/documents/ SEF: https://www.gov.scot/publications/strategic-equity-funding-national-operational-guidance-2023/documents/	
Appropriate cognisance has been made of the links between the plan and the working time agreement for teaching staff.	/
An accessible summary of the SIP is available and contained in this document and will be provided to parents, children and young people.	/

Pupil and parental strategic involvement

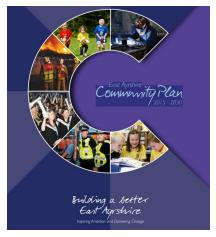
For session 2025-26, please describe below how children and young people will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre

For session 2025-26, please describe below how parents will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre

- Monthly QA focus groups/ L & T quality assurance pupils are asked a series of questions pertaining to each of the four key QI's – their views will be considered and action taken as appropriate. (Part of QA policy at school and department level)
- A school pupil focus group is consulted on priorities for this session and play an active part in taking forward priorities.
- Pupil representative groups
 - Senior Prefect team We plan to have 2 Head Prefects and 2-4 Deputes who will
 play a lead role in school operations and decision making.
 - Cost of the school Day Group this group will have responsibility for spending an allocated £5K Participatory Budget on pupil identified priorities.
 - Pupil Improvement Group it is proposed to start a Pupil Group linking to the SIP and who will take part in working on school improvement.
 - Ambassadors Pupil Ambassadors work with staff on specific areas of responsibility in order to make decisions on issues relevant to them. These include areas such as department captains, wellbeing captains, mentoring assignments.
 - House captains play a role in enhancing the house and school ethos.

- Parent groups input into iAbacus or an alternative. This has been used to inform the overall self-evaluation of the school.
- Parents Evenings poster polls parents will be asked their views on a specific issue relating to learning & teaching or the Parent/ School Improvement Plan.
- Parents surveys all parents have been asked to complete a survey at parents evening which asked specific questions about the operation and strategic direction of the school.
- Electronic parent surveys relating to school improvement carried out at engagement nights and out with.
- The Parent Council took responsibility for writing a Parent Improvement Plan with a number of priorities linked to the School Improvement Plan. Members of the PC have responsibility for working with the parent forum and staff to lead these priorities. This leads into the Standards & Quality report outlining progress and achievements.
- Parents are consulted on all aspects of school matters including PEF funding and school improvement plan review and targets
- Parent baseline surveys have been issued and from these school decisions are made and priorities adopted.

Community Plan East Ayrshire 2015 - 2030



Together, in achieving our Vision, Partners will demonstrate:

Effective leadership

We will provide clear leadership in Community Planning and engage effectively with our employees and communities **Collective ownership**

We will take collective ownership for delivering on the Community Plan, the associated Single Outcome Agreement and the Community Plan Delivery Plans, and work hard to improve outcomes for local people and communities **Good governance**

We will implement clear operating arrangements to support effective strategic direction, scrutiny and accountability **Democratic accountability**

We will measure and report on the impact of our activities to demonstrate how effectively we are improving outcomes for local people and communities, and all partners will be held to account for their contribution.

Our Partnership will continue to work to meet the needs of the people who live in our communities. Our guiding principles will be reflected in all that we do and should be evident for all to see.

Our Vision

"East Ayrshire is a place with strong, safe and vibrant communities where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high quality services which are sustainable, accessible and meet people's needs."

We will:

- Promote lifelong learning.
- Promote equality and tackle inequality;
- Adopt a preventative approach;
- Ensure effective community engagement in the planning and delivery of local services;
- Utilise the strengths and resilience within communities;
- Drive efficiency and performance improvement;

National and Local Priorities

The Scottish Government's vision for education in Scotland:

- Excellence through raising attainment and improving outcomes
- Achieving equity

Key priorities of the National Improvement Framework:

- Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education
- Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
- Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people
- Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy

NIF drivers of improvement in the outcomes achieved by children and young people are:

- 1. School and ELC leadership
- 2. Teacher and practitioner professionalism
- 3. Parent/carer involvement and engagement
- 4. Curriculum and assessment
- 5. School and ELC improvement
- 6. Performance information



Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC)

Scottish Attainment Challenge: framework for

recovery and accelerating progress

Scottish Attainment Challenge Logic Model -

Tackling the Poverty-Related Attainment Gap – Our Theory of Change

SAC organisers:

- · Learning and teaching
- Leadership
- Families and communities

East Ayrshire Plans									
Key Priorities	Education Service Improvement Plan:	Children's Services Plan:	Community Learning and Development Plan:						
1: Our Leadership	We actively support, promote and enact leadership at all levels. Our young people are supported to be leaders on 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 and centre.	Priorities for 2023-26: 1. Our children and young people feel respected, listened to and influence	Outcomes: Growth Wellbeing Fairness						
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.	change 2. We are working collaboratively, reducing the impact of social and economic poverty on our	SustainabilityAction areas1. Youth voice and						
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.	children and young people 3. Our children and young people feel safe 4. Our children and young people have the best start in life 5. Our children and young	participation 2. Lifelong learning and skills development 3. Empowering communities 4. Wellbeing and inclusion						
4: Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements	We want the very best for all of our young people in East Ayrshire. We aim to ensure all young people secure a positive destination through excellent achievement and attainment at all levels.	people's mental health is improving							

Improvement Priority 1 - Our Leadership: To actively promote, encourage and develop leadership at all levels, including our young people and our staff, as well as ensuring training and appropriate CLPL is provided to facilitate professional development and leadership.

Rationale: This priority is critical to fulfilling the vision of the school since if we get Our Leadership right it will facilitate self-improvement for both staff and learners. The school is at a stage whereby self-evaluation survey's, learning visit and our Educational Consultant information is indicating the leadership opportunities need to now impact on the learners experience and the hierarchy of leadership structure needs to be seen as one service to our families and reignite our 'Team Loudoun' approach.

NIF key drivers:	School & ELC I	eadership	Teacher of profession	& practitioner onalism		Parent/o	arer involvement school & ELC implement			provement
HGIOS4 QIs:	1.2	1.4		1.5		1.1	1.1 2.7			3.3
ESIP key priorities:	N Teaching & I	Learning				N Our	Wellbeing		N Our attainmer	nt
Outcomes for o	our learners	Our action	s/Approach	nes/Interventions	PEF	Who		Mea	sures	Review
1.1 Improve the CLP for staff to support de collaborative and pra and pedagogy with a providing enhanced	evelopment, actitioner enquiry a view to	this session w	ith a view to approaches	led out to all staff developing greater across the school	1	ELT CLTs SIGs	SIGs CLPL ider staff at sta days Evaluation	ntified aff me	eation in CLTs & I shared with all setings and Inset setice (L & T QA)	Mid-pint review Dec 25 Achieved May 26
1.2 Improve the schools Quality Assurance processes to be clear and succinct to ensure the schools capacity for self-evaluation leads to self-improvement for learners.		Modify and update current Quality Assurance processes to be user friendly, well-structured and easy to follow for all stakeholders Align and unite activity and good practice into one seamless exercise on a one-page calendar Re-introduce recorded PT/ SLT Monthly meeting health checks on QIs			DHT 1 HT DHT 1 HT PTC PTPS SLT	august insMonthly mevidence songoing p	set daneeting and correction of the correction o	gs will provide heck in terms of ss pril to check	Aug 25 Aug 25 Month by month Achieved April 26	
1.3 Embed Collabora Teams (CLTs) and p collaborative opportu	rovide other .			mes and next steps and evaluated via		HT CLT leads	Inclusion i	n SIF		June 25 Sept 25

work together and with colleagues out with the school and ensure all developments are an integral and recognised part of the school improvement plan. This will improve consistency and motivation for learners across the school.	Introduce School Improvement Groups (SIGs) aligned to support delivery and impact of school targets. Introduce Responsibility of All (RoA) groups for all staff to participate in to improve outcomes for learners in Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing Capture Leadership at all Levels and promote with all staff	~	SIG leads PT Maths PT Eng Design ated PTPS	 Staff Leadership document created evidencing leadership at all levels Minutes from SIGs and RoA Participation measures groups Updates and presentations from CLTs at staff meetings and inset days 	Ongoing As per calendar Achieved April 26
1.4 Extend pupil voice within the school to ensure young people have a genuine and varied say in the running and evaluation of school matters in line with UNCRC Article 12: right to be heard and respect for their views.	Continue to embed the Pupil Council (S1-6) and ensure their voice is heard and fed back to all young people via assemblies and a new You said/ We Did Board. Embed House Captains to look at supporting House ethos including Assemblies, competition and events Re-ignite the Cost of the School Day Group to help support and promote equity strategies including participatory budgeting (ICPAG)	√	PT SS HT PTPS DHT 2 PTPS DHT 2	 Information on the you said/ we did board Minutes from meetings House events and competitions take place and are celebrated. House Captain input at assemblies Group formed, meetings take place and are recorded. Equity supports shared at assemblies/ bulletins PEF allocation spent following consultation with young people. 	Initiated Aug 25 Month to month monitoring Achieved April 26
	Expand the newly formed Pupil Improvement group that will work on their Pupil Improvement Plan Encourage other subject ambassadors (Inc S1-3) and lead roles within the school and		HT DHT 1 SLT DHT 1	 Group formed. Plan made in line with SIP Plan evaluated for impact Capture pupil leadership roles and impact 	

Improvement Priority 2 - Our Learning: To provide a consistent and positive learning and teaching experience that meets the needs of our young people through empowering and supporting our staff.

Rationale: The identified outcomes and actions are the result of school self-evaluation, staff consultation, Local Authority Learning Visit findings and data obtained from school quality assurance around learning and teaching. The informed approach ensures the school has a clear and accurate focus on how to

self-improve for session 2025/26.

NIF key drivers:	School & ELC	leadership	Curriculum & assessment		nt/carer in gement	Performance info	rmation		
HGIOS4 QIs:	2.2	1.2	3.2	1.3		2.7	2.7 2.6		
ESIP key priorities:	N Our Lea	dership		N		Our Wellbeing	N Our atta	inment	
Outcomes for o	our learners	Our action	s/Approaches/Interventions	PEF	Who	Mea	sures	Review	
2.1 Embed the scho- Learning Experience improving teaching a pedagogy for our lea	e with a view to and learning	assurance of le excellent lesso improvement of the Ensuring qualito support devunderstanding Take forward a from last sessi learning intensions challenge, and	areas of improvement identified on such as more consistent ions/ success criteria, pace and appropriate assessment.		HT DHT 1 ELT Staff ELT PT (PEF) HT DHT1 ELT Staff	 Data from learning Data from Learn QA (walk rounds) Quality assurance in August High quality extended and extend	ing and teaching ce process set out ension materials ridenced. lata evidencing f LIs and SC.	Initiated Aug 25 Month to month monitoring Achieved April 26	
2.2 Improve the CLF staff by developing a pedagogical develop digital learning oppo improve teaching an young people.	and providing oment, including rtunities to	practice and M the pedagogical To look at CLF lessons linked engaging learn Continue the C	rmative assessment, retrieval leta Skills to launch and developed approaches to all staff. PL around pace and challenge into the CLT on successfully ners. CLPL work carried out in learning Experience.	n 	CLTs-MetaS, Emb FA DHT1 CLT-Succ Eng L's	 Information on T Lesson observation BGE planning temeta skills MWoW profiling skills 	ion/ trios mplates include	Each scheduled meeting as per WTA and calendar Achieved April 26	

2.3 Consider the BGE and SP	Review the BGE offer and consider ways the	DHT3	Research gathered	Initiated
curriculum offer and how the school	curriculum can be more engaging and relevant	SLT	Proposal made of relevant changes	Aug 25
can modernise to be more engaging and relevant for our young people	which will involve work with other schools and the local authority.		Changes implemented for session 2026/ 27	Dec Review
	Investigate and start to plan for implementation of Foundation Apprenticeships introduction to our SP.	DHT1	 Information marketed to key groups of young people for 2026/27 Inclusion in Options choice Pupil uptake Engaged partners 	Achieved Jan 26
2.4 Parental engagement	Involve Parent Council in decisions around learning and teaching improvements and consult parent forum as required.	HT DHT1	Tasks at PC Minutes of meetings A greater sense of school involvement and influence by parents	As per PC meeting schedule calendar Achieved April 26

Improvement Priority 3 - Our Wellbeing and Belonging: To provide an inclusive service that recognises and supports diversity and aims to overcome barriers to learning and attending to ensure young people can thrive at school.

Rationale: Surveys, pupil, parent and staff feedback indicate a need to create a safe, inclusive learning environment to support all stakeholders which focuses on wellbeing. A five-year declining attendance highlights the need to tackle and foster a sense of belonging to the school and reward and praise by means of positive encouragement.

NIF key drivers:	School & ELC le	eadership	Parent/carer involvement & engagement			rmance nation	School & ELC imp	provement
HGIOS4 QIs:	1.5	2.1	2.4		2.6	2.7	2.5	
ESIP key priorities:	N Our Lead	lership	N Teaching & Learning		N	Our attainment		
Outcomes for o	our learners	Our actions/	Approaches/Interventions	PEF	Who	Meas	sures	Review
3.1 The school will condevelop our inclusive and improve consister restorative approach ensure all pupils are their learning.	e practice model ency of es which will supported in	Circle Framewo in practice. Provide all staff	taff with information on the ork with a view to implementing refresher CLPL on Restorative d other strategies	1	CLT – Inc P DHT2 DHT 2 All staff	 Presentation of finset day Evidence through Feedback on good CLPL provided at Inset days and Time 	n observations od practice. t staff meetings/	Initiated Aug 25 Dec Review Achieved April 26
3.2 Embed Health & Tracking to ensure the identifies local need as well as having a neupport individual ne	ne school and responds nechanism to	Further develop and implement the Glasgow Motivation & Wellbeing Model (GMWP) Areas identified to improve on as a school and create an action plan to overtake the targets. DHT 2 PTPS All staff • Wellbeing tracking to BGE and SP tracking periods added • GMWP Data • Action Plan • Outcomes and impact.			Initiated Aug 25 Tracking periods Achieved April 26			
3.3 Implementation of better support our Cayoung people and fa	are Experienced milies.	Promise' recogn Roll out staff av be done to mak Join the Care E	vareness training and what can be a difference. Experienced Lead Teacher didentify lead teacher(s) to		DHT2 Lead staff PTPS All staff	 Achieve the awar Training (CLPL) to 5 principles. Positive impact of recorded. Teacher(s) idention Care experience supported. 	rakes place on the n families	Initiated Aug 25 Training Inset days/ staff meeting. Achieved April 26

				Attendance, attainment data	
3.4 Create a positive and safe environment for our learners and staff to thrive.	Revise and streamline the Positive Relationships Policy through consultation via a School Improvement Group Identify Loudoun Academy strategies through consultation to ensure staff feel in control of our environment and pupils feel safe.		DHT2 SIG DHT2 CLT/ SIG- H&WB All staff	 SIG formed with clear brief Policy achieved. Consultation evidence Evidenced through agreed visible consistencies in approach by all staff. Feedback from pupils demonstrates improved feeling of safety. GMWP data 	Started Sept 25 Achieved Nov 25
3.5 To continue to enhance and link the Personal & Social Education programme and have improved continuity from primary to better support young people's development.	Inclusion of MWoW Profiling into PSE to capture and articulate skill progress including meta skills and build on what has been entered in Primary. Embed Health & Wellbeing progression Frameworks in PSE course.		DHT 2 PTPS DHT 2 PTPS	 Excellent Learning Standard in PSE Profiling sample. PSE Course sample Programme submitted 	Initiated Aug/ Sept 25 Develop't day Achieved April 26
3.6 Continue to develop approaches to maximise attendance and attainment of our young people.	Revise and streamline the supporting attendance policy through consultation. Develop a positive strategy to market the benefits of positive attendance which is researched based and uses school data to focus improvement and is rewarded. Achieve attendance stretch aim of the Local Authority of 88.1% with a gap Q5 (94.2%) – Q1 (85.0%) = 4.0%	√	DHT2 PTPS PT (PEF) CLT – Prom Pos Ethos	 An improved policy/ approach will be 3succinct and clear Evidence of consistent rigour PT apt PT approaches evident App messages Attendance improved from year session 2024/25 final % Stretch aims achieved 	Initiate Aug 25 Dec review. Complete April 26.

Improvement Priority 4 - Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements: To secure positive destinations for all our young people through maximising achievement and attainment at all levels.

Rationale: Having reflected on school processes, ACEL data, results data, the local authority attainment review in October 2025, the February leaver data and the local authority leavers review the rationale is clear where improvement is required, as well as prioritising achievement of local authority stretch aims.

NIF key drivers:	vers: Teacher & practitioner professionalism			Curricul	Curriculum & assessment			ormance information	School & ELC improvement	
HGIOS4 QIs:	1.5		2.2		2.4		2.6	3.3		2.7
ESIP key priorities:	N Our Lea	dership		N Teac	hing & Learn	ing	N	Our Wellbeing		
Outcomes for o	our learners	Our actio	ns/Appro	aches/Inte	rventions	PEF	Who	Measures	3	Review
4.1 Raising Attainme	ent Strategies		etch aims f S1-3 based t levels ach rough imp gy. ormance ir umeracy (L eaver coho d SQA entr of not achi Year Head	eload for ke ct. or each su d on Progre nieved by the elementing n key areas level 3), Lo ort through by and attait eving and attait eving and attait	bject across ess & ne end of a whole s including west 20% increased nment of	√	DHT 3 PTCs PTPS DHT 3 PT(PEF) PTCs All staff DHT 3 S4 Year Head PT Maths PT Eng DHT 3 PT(PEF) PTCs PTCs PTPS	 ACEL Data Stretch aims Key Insight measures Progress & Achieveme Stretch aims achieved teacher judgement dat Leaver cohort Level 3 Numeracy improves from 91% (VC) Lowest 20% of leavers 81 TPs to 96 TPs S4 performance less that under 100 TPs 1+ at SQQF Level 5 or improve from 80% tow 1+ at SQQF Level 6 or improve from 58.4% to 	ent data based on ta. for Literacy & om 85% to s improve from than 16 yp with r better to yards 88.5% r better to	Initiated Aug 25 Insight data Sept Tracking periods Ongoing monitoring DM meetings Achieved April 26

4.2 The school will to ensure all young people's performance is tracked with a view to receiving appropriate support to achieve their best. (covers ESIP 2.5)	Re-establish the once excellent Senior Phase tracking system and ensure it is used by all staff effectively. Introduce robust BGE tracking from based on the local authority model working with other schools for good practice as required. Establish a tracking intervention approach with is scaled in support from the teacher, PT, PTPS to the Year Head.		DHT 3 PTCs PTPS All staff	 Tracking policy / statement Tracking SS fro SP Tracking SS for BGE Evidence of use from DM minutes ACEL Data Tracking data BGE levels end of S1-3 SP results Evidence of supports 	Initiated Sept 25 Tracking periods Achieved April 26
4.3 Continue to improve positive destinations for young people through increasing curricular opportunities and linking to the AGD.	Research and prepare for implementation of Foundation Apprenticeships within our curriculum offer. Look at developing school pathways towards and promoting the Ayrshire Growth Deal		DHT 1 PTPS PTCs PT (PEF)	 FAs on options form Partners engaged. Awareness of FAs with Key staff Staff ready to implement via appropriate CLPL 	Initiated Sept 25 Info Nov 25 Options Jan 26
4.4 The school will continue to focus on closing the gap between the most and least disadvantaged young people by ensuring all achieve the highest qualifications possible	Expand the initiated 'At Risk' Matrix to being a system that tracks those at risk of not attaining from S1 all the way through to S4 on an ongoing bases from the start of each term. LA stretch aims for: 1+ at level 5 of Q5 (98.0%) - Q1 (82%) = 16% gap 1+ at level 6 of Q5 (87.3%) - Q1 (53.0%) = 34.3% gap	~	DHT 3 PT(PEF) PTCs PTPS Staff	 Capturing Attainment strategy statement / Policy SS evidence Whole staff awareness/ use via minutes Attendance data ACEL Data Tracking data Referrals Stretch aims Key Insight measures 	As per 4.1

Summary of Improvement Plan directly linking to Education Service Improvement Plan

Our Leadership	Teaching and Learning Together		
To actively promote, encourage and develop leadership at all levels, including our young people and our staff, as well as ensuring training and appropriate CLPL is provided to facilitate professional development and leadership.	To provide a consistent and positive learning and teaching experience that meets the needs of our young people through empowering and supporting our staff.		
Our wellbeing and belonging	Our Attainment, Destinations and Achievements		
To provide an inclusive service that recognises and supports diversity and aims to overcome barriers to learning and attending to ensure young people can thrive at school.	To secure positive destinations for all our young people through maximising achievement and attainment at all levels.		