East Ayrshire Council St. Andrew's Primary and Early Childhood Centre Establishment Improvement Plan 2022/23



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School Improvement Plan	St. Andrew's Primary and Early Childhood Centre
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School's/Centre's	'Inspiring young people to be fully alive'
Vision and Values	
	At Saint Andrew's Primary each child is valued because of their human dignity, uniquely created in the image and likeness of God. Working in partnership with families, the Church and the wider community, our school provides experiences and opportunities to prepare young people to become valued members of a global society. Like Saint Andrew, our patron and the first disciple of Jesus, we promote Gospel values through our words and actions,
	guided by The Charter for Catholic Schools in Scotland.
	We aim to:
	 Develop positive relationships with pupils, families, parish and local communities to enhance the progress of young people. Provide high quality learning and teaching opportunities to support individuals' needs and motivate pupils to achieve their full potential.
	• Support pupils' social, spiritual and emotional development, within a nurturing environment, to respect the rights of all, to build resilience, and to enable young people to successfully navigate their path ahead.
	In St Andrew's Early Childhood Centre, we provide stimulating, challenging, relevant and enjoyable experiences. Through their experiences, all of our children will develop skills for like and realise their full potential.
	Our aims for all are:
	Provide a welcoming ethos
	Foster a love of learning
	Provide a nurturing environment
	Create a community of friendship based on mutual respect

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	Content of plan	Completed
Children and Young People	V	Takes account of strategic prioritiesoutlined in the education authority'sAnnual Plan.	V
Parent Council and Forum	V	Takes account of the strategy for parental involvement under section 2 (4A)	V
Teachers, practitioners and ALL school/centre staff	V	An audience-friendly summary of the SIP is available and contained in this document and will be provided to parents, children and young people.	V
Volunteers/ Community partners	V	Appropriate cognisance has been made of the links between the plan and the working time agreement for teaching staff	V
Local bodies representing teachers, staff, volunteers and any parent bodies further associated to the school/centre.	V	Scottish Government Tackling Bureaucracy working group recommendations have been considered when planning for improvement and in the improvement activities specified	V

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Head Teacher Signature:

Pupil and parental strategic involvement

For session 2022-23, please describe below how children and young people will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre	For session 2022-23, please describe below how parents will be involved in decisions relating to the operation of the school/centre
2 pupils from each class will be elected as Pupil Councillors. The Pupil Council will meet regularly where they will share	There is a very pro-active Parent Council in the school who are consulted on all development in the school and represent the

pupils' views and opinion. Mrs Donnelly (PT) will facilitate the work of the Pupil Council.Pupil Council report back to their class or at assemblies about items raised and discussed.	views of the Parent Forum in a clear and concise manner. There is a Parent Council AGM held in September to afford parents the opportunity to shape the developments of the school and the mission of the Parent Council.
Improvement Planning is shared with all pupils in class/ assembly.	Parents and learners involved in the decision making process within ECC.
Samples of learners' voice will be taken during monitoring.	The Fundraising group, which is a subgroup of the Parent Council are engaged in dialogue about how to best spend the
ECC children share their likes and dislikes through responsive floor book planning ideas.	money raised through Fundraising activities. The Improvement Plan and information from Parent Information
2 pupils from each class (P3-P7) will be elected to join the UNCRC Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group led by Mrs Gibb (PT). They will meet monthly to plan for the school, working towards the RRS Silver Award.	events are shared with the Parent Forum via the school App. Parents' views will be sampled at Parents' Nights and following Parental Engagement Experiences.
Primary 7 Playground Champions will be selected to work alongside Mrs Donnelly (PT) and Classroom Assistants to make decisions around the needs of the pupils within the playground and support their peers and younger pupils in playground games and activities.	

Improvement Priority (Expressed as outcomes for learners)				high quality learning and	Rationale for improvement priority based on evidence:			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	teaching experiences within a communication friendly environment that supports Literacy and Numercy learning. Parental partnerships will support learners' progress.				Due to restrictions over the last few academic sessions, SLT have not been able to carry out classroom observations. Self-evaluation exercises on last sessions SIP indicated staff were			
					confident implementing Literacy and Numeracy programmes.			
	As a result, attainment levels will continue to improve in all aspects of Literacy and Numeracy.				Quality assurance processes would ensure coherent implementation and opportunities for good practice to be shared.			
	Literacy	Reading	Writing	Talking/Listening				
	P1	95%	95%	95%	Data gathered on Parental Engagement indicates low levels of			
	P2	90%	90%	90%	participation. Research indicates that Parental Engagement is a			
	P3	85%	80%	90%	important contributory factor to increased levels of pupil			
	P4 P5	85%	85%	90%	attainment.			
	P6	90% 80%	85% 80%	90% 90%				
	P7	75%	75%	90%				
	Numeracy							
	P1	95%						
	P2	95%						
	P3	95%						
	P4	90%						
	P5	80%						
	P6	80%						
	P7	80%						
NIF Priorities	NIF Drive				HGIOS/ HGIO ELCC QIs for self-evaluation. A quality			
Improvement in attainment,	Teacher P	rofessionalis	m		framework for daycare of children/childminding and school			
particularly in literacy and	Assessme	nt of childrer	i's progress		aged children.			
numeracy	Parental e	ngagement			1.1 – Nurturing care and support			
					1.3 – Leadership of change. Play and Learning			
					1.5 – Management of resources to promote equity			
					2.3 – Learning, teaching and assessment			
					2.5 – Family learning			
					3.1 – Quality assurance and improvement are well led.			
					3.2 – Raising attainment and achievement			
					4.1 – Staff skills, knowledge and values			

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
Quality Assurance of Literacy and Numeracy (ECC & PS)		
Recruitment of PT Literacy Development.	AM	
Recruitment of PT Numeracy Development (PEF).	KC/ LW	Aug '22
 Literacy and Numeracy policies and guidelines will be issued to all members of staff. 	SLT	Aug – Jun
Monitoring calendar to be created.	SLT & CTs	'23
 Feedback discussion to be part of termly planning meetings with SLT. 	LR	Aug 22 –
ECC Policy Refresh: Language & Literacy, Numeracy & Mathematic Dev.	ECC Staff	June 23
Communication Friendly Environments (ECC & PS)		
 Awareness raising of Communication Friendly Environments – twilight session 	CFE Advisor –	Aug '22
Focus 1: Learning Environment	R Donnelly (Lead)	1
 Self-Evaluation Framework & Accreditation Assessment Tool is used to audit current practice during QA 	H.M & K.K	Aug '22 – Nov '22
observations	CTs/ LT/ CFE	NOV 22
 Action Plans are developed to support individuals/ stage or departments where appropriate and used in 	coach	
subsequent QA visits/ coaching sessions.		
 Development of policy to include good practice 		
Focus 2: Adult Interaction Styles		D /00
 Self-Evaluation Framework & Accreditation Assessment Tool is used to audit current practice during QA 	ECC staff/H.M & K.K	Dec '22 – May '24
observations	IX.IX	May 24
 Action Plans are developed to support individuals/ stage or departments where appropriate and used in 	CTs/ LT/ CFE	
subsequent QA visits/ coaching sessions.	coach	
 Development of policy to include good practice 		
Learner Journey/ E-Portfolios (ECC & PS)		
 Establish methods for sharing pupil profiles with parents/ carers. 	CTs/ LT	Aug'22
 Agree minimum requirements (content/ frequency) for sharing with parents/ carers. 	All ECC staff.	
 Content to be planned and reviewed at termly LT planning meetings. 		
Development of Outdoor Area		
• Early Level (ECC & PS)	P1 staff	Aug 22 –
 Using 'Play to Learn in East Dunbartonshire Council' Audit Document – Area 4 to analyse current outdoor provision. 	ELCP (G Borland) Emma Williamson	June 23
 Explore examples of good practice within East Ayrshire 	(PT.TAP)/Carol	
 Create action plan/ next steps for implementation based on audit. 	Rennie (TAP)	
 Floorbook planning to be used to plan and document progress and gather evidence for evaluation. 	SLELCCP	
Second Level (P7)	ELCCP J.S	
 Learning through Landscapes Audit and HGIOS Outdoor Learning. 		

 Development of outdoor play and learning area. RRS Silver Award 	Coach PT P7 Staff	Oct 22 – June 23
UNCRC Articles 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 23, 28, 29, 31.	B Gibb (PT)	Sept '22 – June '23

Evidence of impact against outcomes for learners.

• Learner's will continue to make progress as expected, or higher than expected, due to the consistency in approach and high quality play learning and teaching opportunities. (Tracking and Monitoring data supported by a range of evidence to support teacher and practitioner judgements)

- The Learning Environment and adult interactions will support all learners to access the full curriculum (QA observations, learner feedback)
- Learners will have a good understanding of their progress in learning and next steps supported by parents and school (learner feedback, parent feedback)
- The outdoor area will contribute to high quality play and learning and teaching opportunities.

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

Improvement Priority	Learners will benefit from increased opportunities from family	Rationale for impr	ovement priority based	on evidence
(Expressed as outcomes for learners)	and community involvement.	Self-evaluation has shown that links within the loc community and businesses have not been maintained and there is a need to re-establish connections and build new partnerships.		
NIF Priorities	NIF Driver	HGIOS/HGIO EL	CC QIs for self-evalua	tion. A
Improvement in employability	Parental engagement	Quality framewo	rk for daycare of child	Iren.
skills and sustained, positive	School improvement	1.3 Play and learr	ning	
school leaver destinations		2.7 Partnerships		
		3.3 Creativity and	Employment	
What actions are required to read			Who	When
 Assess opportunities for pare Identify staff to liaise with pare Audit parent/ carer/ family int areas of interest length of time able to 	erest in participation commit (short/ long term)	bl	DHT and ECC staff member L.C	Term 1 Term 2 Term 2
 Resource implication Implement opportunities Gather feedback from partici ECC to renew vision, values 	pants, staff and learners on the benefits of contributions.		ECC Staff Stakeholders	TBC Term 4 Aug 22 – June 23
Identify member(s) of staff toIdentify suitable time for Wor	I communities/ businesses to contribute to life of ECC and scl lead World of Work Week within the ECC and school (ECC and P ld of Work Week. Audit of practice across establishment. s regarding opportunities established within East Ayrshire		B. Gibb (PT) ECC staff member C.M	Term 1
Seek opportunities with localImplement opportunities with	and national businesses to contribute			Term 1 & 2 Term 3? Term 3
RRS Silver Award UNCRC Articles – 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 1	2, 13, 15, 17, 18, 23, 28, 29.		B Gibb (PT)	Sept '22 – June '23
Evidence of Impact against outco	omes for learners.			
Learners will have benefitted	from opportunities that have been supported by families (Learner	eedback)		

• Learners will have an increased understanding of how learning in school and centre links to opportunities in the world of work (Learner feedback)

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Improvement Priority	Learners will experience a consistent approach to	Rationale for improvement priority based on evidence
(Expressed as outcomes for learners)	spiritual, social and emotional development	
	opportunities from all staff.	St. Andrew's Primary have been committed to applying the principles
		of nurture and a relational approach to behaviour management for
	Learners will be equipped with strategies to support	many years. However, self-evaluation indicates a need to have a
	spiritual, social and emotional development that	more consistent approach from all members of staff to ensure
	promotes Inclusion within the mainstream classroom	success for all pupils.
	and playground.	
		The PT and DHT of Inclusion have been successful in supporting a
		number of pupils within a bespoke provision in session 2021/22. Staff
		have identified the need to work towards ensuring pupils have the
		skills and support necessary to work successfully within the
		mainstream classroom and that all staff are equipped with necessary
		knowledge, skills and resources to support pupils.
NIF Priorities	NIF Driver	HGIOS/HGIO ELCC QIs for self-evaluation. A Quality framework
Improvement in children and	Teacher Professionalism	for daycare of children.
young people's health and	School improvement	1.1 – Nurturing care and support
wellbeing		3.1 – Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion
		3.2 - Raising attainment and achievement

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
Development of Inclusion Agenda within the school	K.Watt	Aug-Oct 22
 Continue employment of DHT of Inclusion (Term 1) to support staff and pupil development in Inclusion Hub and mainstream classroom to support HWB/Pastoral support throughout the school in Term 1 and to oversee and support PT Inclusion before a rigorous handover.(PEF) 	R.Donnelly	Aug 22-June 23
 Continue employment of PT of Inclusion to run Inclusion Hub and targeted P7 Support, support CA development and development of the Outdoors. Also to support staff development and understanding around the emotional and social wellbeing of pupils, with a particular awareness of the effects of Covid mitigations over the last 2 years, and to ensure the sustainability of inclusion practices within St Andrew's PS. (PEF) 		
Year 1 of 3 – PATHS programme (PEF collaboration with St Sophia's PS)		
Raise awareness of the PATHS programme rationale and resources through staff training.	PATHS coach	Aug In- Service
Implement PATHS approaches and resource following planners in classrooms and throughout the school.	CTs/ KC (PT)/ PATHS coach	1 hr per weel
 Regular evaluation during LT planning meetings as well as engaging in professional dialogue with peers, EAST and Educational Psychologist. 	LT G Lennon (ECC)	Monthly
 Training of CAs and senior pupils to implement playground activities. 		

Establishment of lunchtime clubs.		Aug '22 – June '23
RRS Silver Award UNCRC Articles 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 39, 42.	B Gibb (PT)	Sept '22 – June '23
Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners		
• All learners will be equipped with a shared vocabulary and strategies to talk about social and emotional issues	(QA observations, learner fee	edback)

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Improvement Priority	Learners within ECC & Primary 1 will have a variety of child-led,	Rationale for improvement priority based on evidence
(Expressed as outcomes for learners)	adult-initiated and adult-led opportunities that enhances pupil engagement and provides open ended, play based learning opportunities within a suitable learning environment .	Within the context of St. Andrew's, recent restrictions have not permitted the pedagogy within P1 to fully embrace play as outlined in the Scottish Government publication 'Realising the Ambition'. A renewed focus
	Learners will be supported by parents and school through a shared understanding of Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy approached. Parents will be able to support their	on pedagogical approach at P1 is required to ensure the needs of pupils at this stage are being met.
	child at home, using the same approaches as school.	Data gathered from parents during consultation indicates low levels of Parental Engagement. Staff
	Learners with poor attendance in session 2021/2022 and subsequent poor attainment will see an increase in attendance and attainment.	have identified the need to build partnerships and provide experiences that will benefit learners.
		Analysis of tracking data indicates a strong link between pupils who are not achieving expected levels and poor attendance at school, particularly with pupils within SIMD 1 & 2. Further exploration of causes and interventions are required to see improvement in this area.
NIF Priorities	NIF Driver	HGIOS/HGIO ELCC QIs for self-evaluation. A
Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged	Teacher Professionalism Parental engagement	Quality framework for daycare of children.
children	Performance information	 2.3 – Learning, teaching and assessment 2.5 – Family learning 3.1 – Staff skills, knowledge and values 3.1 – Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion 3.2 - Raising attainment and achievement

What actions are required to reach the desired outcome?	Who	When
Develop Play Pedagogy within P1	P1 staff	Aug '22 –
Environment and Resources	ELCCP	Nov '22
• Using 'Play to Learn in East Dunbartonshire Council' Audit Document – Area 5 & 6 to analyse current Classroom	HT	
environment, Materials and resources	E. Williamson	

Explore examples of good practice within East Ayrshire.		
Create action plan/ next steps for implementation based on audit.		
 Develop the learning environment in line with 'Realising the Ambition - Being Me' Scottish Government document Re-evaluate using Audit Document Adult- initiated learning Using 'Play to Learn in East Dunbartonshire Council' Audit Document – Area 3 to analyse current Adult- Initiated learning opportunities 		Dec '22 – May '23
Explore examples of good practice within East Ayrshire		
Create action plan/next steps for implementation based on audit.		
 Develop the learning environment in line with 'Realising the Ambition - Being Me' Scottish Government document. Whole School Development 		
 PT Literacy and PT Numeracy (PEF) to develop policy and guidelines in these areas. They will support and engage in quality assurance procedures and ensure consistency of approach across the school. 	KC LW	Aug '22 – June '23
 Increased Parental Engagement Opportunities (ECC and PS) Identify dates for H&WB, Literacy and Numeracy workshops for P1 & ECC parents 	ELCP/ H&WB – KW	7 th , 14 th , 21 st
 Implement workshop with focus on practical ways to support learners Gather data on Parental Attendance at events and feedback on content of sessions 	Lit – KC PT Num – LW PT Lead – L.R	Sep
 Literacy & Numeracy Newsletters/blog to be produced highlighting opportunities to support Literacy and Numeracy at home. 	Lit/ Num Co- ordinators	Termly
 Plan and implement Maths and Numeracy Challenge morning/ afternoon – parents invited to school to participate in a range of maths activities with their child 	SLP – L.R	Sep' 22 – Nov' 22
 Plan and implement Literacy Challenge morning/ afternoon – parents invited to school & ECC to participate in a range of literacy activities with their child. 	MNU Co- ordinator/ CTs SLP – L.R	Jan '23 – Mai ' 23
	Lit Co-ordinator/ CTs SLP – L.R	
 Improved Attendance Engagement in Parental Engagement Programme with Home Link Team. 6 week parental engagement programme for parents/carers of P1-P3 pupils. Attendance invitation only to target those 	AM NP (Home Link)	Oct '22 – Dec '22
with poorest attendance/engagement. Workshops to cover healthy eating, routines/boundaries, physical activity & family literacy.	KC (Lit PT) LW (Num PT)	Further
 PTs to participate and support in order to build and maintain relationships with parents. Identify target group of learners and parents using a range of data including SIMD, Attendance, FSM. 	RD (Inclusion PT)	dates established if required.

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 Evidence of Impact against outcomes for learners Learners within PS and ECC will have high levels of engagement (QA, parental feedback, learner voice). 		
N.B. Self-evaluation of this priority should be reflected in the Standards and Quality Report for this academic session		

Summary of Improvement Plan

Raising Attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy	Increased in sustained positive destinations and employability skills
 Quality Assurance of Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning across the school. This includes distribution of policy/guidelines, a rigorous monitoring programme with classroom observations and learner voice. (PT Literacy and PT Numeracy (PEF)). Communication Friendly Environments to be developed across whole school and ECC. Learner Journey/E-Portfolios to be established as regular achievement recording tool and to facilitate reporting to learners and parents. Development of Outdoor Area using the Play to Learn document at Early Level and the Learning through Landscapes Audit at Second Level. 	 Increased opportunities for families to contribute to the life of the school and ECC through workshops and other opportunities. Increased opportunities for the local community to contribute to the life of the school and ECC through World of Work Week. Across all stages from ECC to P7, all learners will engage with World of Work Week. Audit partner agencies and local employers to seek opportunities to build partnerships.
Ensuring the health and wellbeing of all young people	Closing the poverty related attainment gap
 Development of Inclusion Agenda supported by PT and DHT (PEF) – Inclusion Hub, CA training and development, staff support, and planning for sustainability. Engaging in PATHS programme (Yr 1 of 3). Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. Implementation of playground activities. Establishment of lunch time clubs. 	 PEF resources used to engage parents and improve the attendance of identified group of pupils through Parental Engagement Programme (Home Link) with an aim to improve attainment. Develop play pedagogy within Primary 1 using the Learn to Play Audit document, when audit complete create action plan for implementation of development needs. PT Literacy and PT Numeracy (PEF) to ensure consistency of approach across the whole school. Engage P1 parents in family learning workshops (H&WB, Literacy and Numeracy). Engage all school parents in Literacy/Numeracy 'Challenge' days.