

Mearns Castle High School
Recovery Improvement Plan
2020-2021
June 2020

Interim Evaluation Date:

Final Evaluation Date:

Mearns Castle High School

Vision Values and Aims 2020-2021

Our Vision

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Our Vision, based on our Values, will be realised through the achievement of Our Aims

Our Values

Respect: show self-respect and be considerate to the needs, wishes and feelings of others.

Inclusion: treat all people fairly and enable them to feel included.

Integrity: be honest and sincere.

Responsibility: be accountable for your actions and make a positive contribution to society.

Ambition: show a pride in your school and have high expectations of what you can achieve.

Achievement: be enthusiastic and show a determination to succeed in all you do.

Our Aims

We will be motivated and enthusiastic in our learning and teaching and determined to reach the highest standards of attainment and achievement.

We will be confident and ambitious, build positive relationships and pursue a healthy and active lifestyle.

We will show initiative and be enterprising, creative and responsible citizens.

We will show respect for others, care for our environment and make a positive contribution to society.

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School Improvement	Modernising how we work: modernise our administrative and educational processes to empower staff and improve experiences and outcomes for pupils. Data, evidence and benchmarking: effective and accurate analysis of data to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils. Digital: develop and increase our use of digital technologies to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils.	Resources which lead to improvements for learners and service users.	1.3 2.2 2.3 3.3	* In the context of a blended learning approach and based on the Education Department's Digital Learning and Teaching Strategy, continue to develop and implement a Digital Learning Strategy focussed, in particular, on continuing to improve the quality and effectiveness of the Home Learning Experience for our pupils.	I Phillips / P Donnelly / G Sloan Digital Champions Improvement Team / Local Authority support Collegiate time for meetings, appropriate CLPL activities, ICT resources, QIO Team support	Our pupils experience a high quality and stimulating digital learning environment featuring skilful and well-paced teaching approaches.	2020-2021		

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School Improvement	Prevention: Improve educational experiences to better meet the needs of all pupils, leading to successful outcomes and positive sustained post-school destinations. Community engagement: actively engaging with our local community to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils.	A culture based on Getting It Right For Every Child.	1.3 2.1 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 3.1	Implement ERC GIRFEC Framework including any guidance relating to the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.	J Mitchell / Pupil Support Team Collegiate time for meetings Appropriate CLPL activities GIRFEC Schools Group and QIO Support	We are effective in meeting the needs of all pupils, through the provision of high quality educational experiences, leading to positive sustained post-school destinations.	2020-2021		

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School Improvement	Prevention: Improve educational experiences to better meet the needs of all pupils, leading to successful outcomes and positive sustained post-school destinations. Community engagement: actively engaging with our local community to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils.	Practices and experiences which ensure that the needs of young people and adults are identified and addressed	1.3 2.1 2.4 3.1	Devise, develop and implement an Equalities Strategy focussing on the three strands of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sexuality and Gender – Faith and Culture – Disability and Accessibility 	S Sorley / Improvement Team Collegiate time for meetings Support from QIO Team and Partner Agencies	The wellbeing and relationships of pupils and staff in the school are improved and the school's positive ethos is further enhanced.	2020-2021		

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Assessment of Children's Progress	Data, evidence and benchmarking: effective and accurate analysis of data to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils.	Improved attainment in the senior phase. An improvement in the attainment of disadvantaged children and young people.	1.1 2.3 3.2	* Continue to improve our formative and summative assessment procedures to ensure that pupils are presented at the highest appropriate levels in SQA Exams.	SLT / All Principal Teachers Collegiate time for meetings.	Teachers use a range of approaches to assess the outcomes of learning and use assessment information effectively to support progression and attainment. Pupils are presented at the highest appropriate level in SQA Exams.	2020-2021		
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School Improvement	Prevention: Improve educational experiences to better meet the needs of all pupils, leading to successful outcomes and positive sustained post-school destinations.	A further improvement in school leaver destinations.	2.2 2.4 2.6 2.7 3.2 3.3	Continue to implement the recommendations of the Education Department's Developing the Young Workforce Implementation Plan (See MCHS DYW Strategy 2020-2021 for more detail).	M McGarry / DYW Improvement Team Collegiate time for meetings.	We are effective in supporting and challenging all of our pupils to achieve the highest possible levels of success in school and to make the transition to a positive, sustained post-school destination.	2020-2021		
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School Improvement	Data, evidence and benchmarking: effective and accurate analysis of data to improve experiences and outcomes for pupils.	Partnership arrangements which ensure that all pupils experience a smooth transition from nursery to primary, primary to secondary and from secondary school to a positive and sustained destination. Improved reading, writing and mathematics attainment throughout the years of the broad general education.	1.2 2.2 2.3 2.6 2.7 3.2	Work with our Cluster partners to continue to improve pupils' experiences, progression and attainment through the BGE. (see Cluster Improvement Plan 2020-2021 for more detail).	Cluster Leadership Team / relevant Cluster Staff Collegiate time for meetings, appropriate CLPL activities, Replacement Teacher cover, QIO Team support, Cluster budget.	Cluster staff share best practice and understand and consistently apply standards and expectations in performance at CfE levels ensuring progressive learning experiences for pupils.	2020-2021		