

St. Fergus Primary School School Improvement Plan 2023/24



Planning framework

As part of Children's Services, St. Fergus' Primary School has developed this establishment improvement plan which provides a framework for how we intend to achieve Children's Services' vision of working together to get it right for children, families and communities – Protecting, learning, achieving and nurturing.

National Priorities

We also have to take account of the Scottish Government's national improvement framework which provides a vision for education in Scotland, namely to:

- 1. place the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education;
- 2. improve attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy;
- 3. close the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged pupils;
- 4. improve children's health and wellbeing; and
- 5. improve children and young people's employability skills so that they move into positive and sustained destinations.

Renfrewshire's Education Priorities

Our priorities will also align with the Renfrewshire Council Plan and Education Improvement Priorities listed on pages 3 and 4.

Pupil Equity Funding

Our school receives Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to provide targeted interventions in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing to close the poverty related attainment gap. This funding enables us to plan additional interventions to those which were already planned. These interventions are highlighted throughout this improvement plan using the (PEF) abbreviation.

The priorities and actions within this improvement plan address the needs of our school and articulate with local and national priorities.

Renfrewshire Council Plan Strategic Outcomes

Cross cutting theme: Improving outcomes for children and families —

We will encourage kind and connected communities— where our citizens take pride in their **place**, attracting others to move here and share in the opportunities Renfrewshire has to offer.

We will support a strong and flexible local **economy**— with

Renfrewshire able to adapt after the pandemic, building up resilience to support good green jobs and skills for all local people to enjoy the benefits of both living and working here.

We want Renfrewshire to be a fair place—where all our people have the best chances to live happy, healthy and fulfilled lives, to feel safe, supported and empowered to unlock the strength of our collective potential.

We are working towards a greener future—taking responsibility for our impact on the planet and taking brave, bold steps to protect the natural environment that supports and benefits us all.

We want our employees to feel proud to work for Renfrewshire Council because we are a values driven organisation, where we all understand and value our contributions, and we are passionate about making a difference for Renfrewshire.

Renfrewshire Council's Values

We are **fair**, we treat each other and everyone we deal with respectfully and work hard to build trust in Renfrewshire Council.

We are **helpful**, we care about getting things right and are always approachable.

We are great collaborators; we work as one team and with people who care about this place.

We value **learning** to help us innovate, improve and deliver better services.

Children's Services Vision

Working together to get it right for children, families and communities – protecting, learning, achieving and nurturing

Renfrewshire's Education Improvement Plan Priorities

Protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities including children and young people who are at risk. Work will progress to ensure Renfrewshire keeps the Promise and delivers improved outcomes for individuals who are care experienced. Where possible children will be kept within their families and priority given to securing provision for kinship care.

Family supports and focussing on early intervention, by equipping parents and carers with the information, skills and support they need to ensure positive outcomes for children and young people in their care, whilst providing opportunities for parents and carers to shape the services that impact them.

Enhancing supports around mental health and wellbeing, including the school-based mental health and wellbeing programme and the Ren10 network of staff and volunteers who provide early help services to those in need.

Enhance learning and teaching, delivering a meaningful, relevant and progressive curriculum that supports a wide range of learner pathways by placing the rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education. Efforts will focus on raising attainment while ensuring equity for all. There will be a sustained focus on delivering a curriculum that equips all children and young people to achieve success in life.

Through a shared vision and understanding of inclusion, children and young people will experience inclusive learning experiences and supportive relationships which lead to positive life outcomes

Our Vision, Values and Aims

Our Vision: 'Working together to promote, excellence in achievement and well-being for all.'

Our Values:

- ♣ God's Love
- Honesty
- Positive Attitude
- Respect
- Responsibility

Our Aims:

- **♣** To understand the value of God's Love in our school and local community.
- To promote a positive attitude and mindset to learning.
- ♣ To use our voices to promote positive changes for all.
- ♣ To provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all.
- To develop skills for learning, life and work in our curriculum.
- To support each child's needs in their unique learning journey.



Who did we consult?

Website

To identify our priorities for improvement, we sought the views of Staff, learners, Parents/ Carers and Partners, we used a variety of methods of getting the views of those who are involved in the life and work of St Fergus' Primary such as:

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<u>Staff</u>	<u>Learners</u>
Staff meetings	 Regular Pupil Group meetings- Pupil Council, Eco Committee, Laudato
In-Service Days	Si, School Librarians, Digital Leaders, Wellbeing Warriors, Mini Vinnies
Curriculum Development Sessions	Hot Chocolate Friday
 Regular Self-evaluation linked to Quality indicators (HGIOS) 	Pupil questionnaires and feedback
Individual Forward Plan feedback with SLT	 Strengths and improvement consultation
Attainment and GIRFEC Meetings	 Show Me What You Know Meetings (SMWYK)
Personal Review and Development meetings	 Throughout classroom curricular Planning activities
Regular review of School Improvement Plan priorities	
Education Scotland Professional Learning materials	
Consultation exercise 'Identifying Priorities for Improvement'	
Parents/Carers	
Annual Report feedback	 Parental Questionnaires/Surveys
Parent Evenings	Induction Days
St. Fergus' Families Together Meetings	 Parent Workshops
Monthly newsletters	 Family Learning Sessions

We have also consulted with our partners across and outwith the Council to assist us in the delivery of our priorities by: Informal feedback through discussions with a range of partners including:

- Meetings with Glencoats Primary
- St. Andrew's Cluster Schools
- Transition Meetings with Early Years Centres and Secondary Schools
- Termly meetings with Active Schools Co-ordinator
- Regular collaborative meetings with Home Link Worker, Educational Psychologist, Parish Priest, Exchange Counselling, Who Cares? Scotland, Active School Co-ordinator

Open days

Community Groups

Parental evaluations of school events

• Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings

All information gathered is collated and used to assist us to identify next steps and areas for improvement.

How we will know if we are achieving our aims?

We will measure and evaluate the progress we are making to achieve the key outcomes set out in this plan. We do this using quality assurance activities that include;

- Regular Self-evaluation linked to Quality indicators (HGIOS)
- Target setting which allows tracking over the session to maintain highest attainment- September, January and April
- Forward Plans are reviewed by staff and Senior Leadership Team (SLT), termly, followed by professional dialogue
- 'Show Me What You Know' (SMWYK) visits by the SLT
- Class visits in various subject areas to observe the children's learning experiences
- Staff Learning Visits observing colleagues/classes at other stages and developing feedback/professional dialogue
- Children are part of the Learning visits to encourage pupil voice
- Monitoring and moderation of standards of pupil/children's work and profiles, displays and evaluations.
- GIRFEC Overview within Whole School Tracker
- Review of Child's Plans and IEP Action Plans
- Team around the Child (TAC) meetings
- Liaison with external partners who provide support for children and pupils to ensure best provision for children.
- A range of award assemblies where success within the four capacities and wider achievement are celebrated

Moderation

- Joint working with Glencoats Primary and Kilbarchan Primary across all levels within Literacy
- School based moderation within all curricular areas.

Attendance

- Attendance is monitored daily with unexplained absences followed up by texts and phone calls
- Absence and late coming are monitored throughout the year

Each year we also complete a standards and quality report and self-evaluation document which are monitored by Renfrewshire Council Children's Services' staff.

Improvement Priority 1 – Health and Wellbeing: To ensure that children will experience inclusive learning and supportive relationships which lead to positive life outcomes.

NIF Drivers

HGIOS/HG

NIF Priorities

 Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children Improvement in children's and young people's health and wellbeing Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people 		1. School Leadership 2. Teacher Professionalism 3. Parental Engagement 4. Assessment of Children's Progress 5. School Improvement 6. Performance Information	 Honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life Developing as a community of faith and learning Promoting Gospel values Celebrating and worshipping Serving the common good
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	t Measures	Interventions
Our engagement in Renfrewshire's Relationships Approach(RNRA) has very positive impact on the univers of children's wellbeing across our selection of child	Nurturing shad a al support consistent approaches by all staff in their awareness and implementation the skills required to respond to children's distressed behaviour which will result in almost all learners being supported to regulate and be ready to learning. 2022- 23 attes that tive Staff will see a reduction in incidence of distressed behaviour in pupils. Almost all children at Primary 4-7 will have an understanding of nurture practices in school. Monitoring of pupil experiences during SLT 'Show me what you know' visits. By June 2024 Inclusive practice is consistently	RNRA Action Plan Establish a baseline of targeted children's distressed behaviour over a set period of four weeks in August/September. The stablish a baseline Core Group's ability reduce the number of children's destress behaviour through specific interventions. RNRA Core Group members will trial out further small tests of change which will be evaluated using Plan—Do—Study-Act improvement cycles. Feedback from teachers and support staff — staff meetings, collegiate sessions, CLPL Staff confidence survey pre and post interventions	RNRA action plan created for session 2023-24- Core Principle will be 'Language is a vital means of communication' - Inservice Day 1- Educational Psychologist Input (1 Hour) 4 Core Group meetings across the school year RNRA CLPL delivered by Educational Psychologist and RNRA core group - Inservice Day 2 - (1 Hour) - Inservice Day 3- (1 Hour) - Inservice Day 4- (1 Hour) - CLPL 8 – 29 th May (1 Hour) Monthly 'Wellbeing Wednesday's experiences planned by the Health and Wellbeing Pupil Group. Monthly Wellbeing Wednesday Parent Breakfast parental sessions ran by PEF ISA and Community partners RAMH. Community Based Universal Wellbeing club P5-7 Led by PEF ISA St Fergus' and Key Workers from

Developing in Faith

step is to ensure understanding and consistency in our approach to the Core Nurture Principle of 'Language is a vital means of communication'.

This principle supports us in exploring how language is used in the classroom, playground and school environment. As It is important for our children to be able to understand and express their thoughts and feelings. It is also crucial for adults/parents to understand the importance of their own language towards children and young people, and how this can impact them.

In our P4-7 Pupil Survey (May 23) 39% of children wanted Health and Wellbeing to be included in our School Improvement Plan.

Session 2022-23 Renfrewshire Council led a GIRFEC refresh across education, social work and health to improve approaches to single and multi-agency planning to bring about positive outcomes for young people and families with additional support needs. All staff need to engage fully with the new systems and approaches to ensure that our practice is robust and continues to have a very good impact on children's wellbeing and inclusion across our mainstream and Flexible Learning Resource.

Our personalised support planning and GIRFEC tracking demonstrates that there is a continuing need to provide Flexible Learning experiences for pupils with an identified ASN to support and enable effective inclusion and engagement.

supported to regulate and be ready for learning.

An inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person made in the image of God.

Pupil Support Plans and Support Meeting Data.

Parental views during the Team around the Child Meetings for targeted group of children with social, emotional and behavioural needs.

Family Nurture Survey analysis will show parents have a good understanding of nurture language used at school

Additional Support Needs (ASN) Conversations with key staff (September, January and April).

PASS scores/Well-being Webs/Attainment data will increase and show this has had a positive impact on engagement, attainment and health and wellbeing.

Circle Resource Checklist- Individuals and tracked groups demonstrating improvements over time

Monitoring of pupil experiences during SLT 'Show me what you know' visits.

Feedback from teachers and support staff – staff meetings, collegiate sessions, CLPL

Staff confidence survey pre and post interventions

Pupil Interventions provided by **PEF** ISA, ECLO and CA

- LIAM Interventions
- Circle of Friends

Time to Talk Sessions Twice weekly for all stages
PEF ECLO and CA

Family Learning Events run by whole staff team to share key messages of RNRA/Nurture Principles PEF - Teaching/Support Staff Commissioning FLE 4 – 1st May

CLPL provided for all staff in Cluster on Inclusive Learning and Collaborative Working (CIRCLE resource) to secure development of inclusive classrooms and adopt a more learner- centred approach

- Inservice Day 1 - The Circle Resource (2 Hours)

DHT to Attend LISN- sharing practice and development with Educational Psychologist

DHT as Pupil Support Co-ordinator to support practitioners with new paperwork/processes etc

PEF ISA to support targeted children who require a Personalised Curriculum on 1:1 /small group basis.

Improvement Priority 2 – Raising Attainment and Achievement: literacy and Numeracy

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NIF Drivers

- 1. School Leadership
- 2. Teacher Professionalism
- 3. Parental Engagement
- Assessment of Children's Progress
- 5. School Improvement
- **6.** Performance Information

Developing in Faith

- 1. Honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life
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Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures	Interventions
Writing	Writing - By June 2024:	Additional Support Needs (ASN)	Peer observations/learning visits with focus on
The current academic session 22-23,	Teacher confidence in judging	Conversations with key staff	writing –St Fergus, Glencoats and Kilbarchan (WTA)
Achievement of a Level (ACEL) Writing data is	children's attainment of a	(September, January and April).	
as follows:	level in writing will continue to		Moderation with Glencoats Primary and Kilbarchan
	improve through planned	Moderation of writing planning	Primary– planned writing experiences:
P1 – 55% P5 – 67%	moderation sessions and peer	information and evidence of work.	- CLPL 1- 20 th September (1.5 Hours)
P2 – 72% P6 – 66%	learning sessions with		- Trio Visits- Oct- Dec (WTA- 4 Hours)
P3 – 52% P7 – 52%	Glencoats Primary and	In House Moderation of Reading	- CLPL 6 – 27 th March (1.5 Hours)
P4 – 75%	Kilbarchan Primary, informed	planning information and evidence	
For the current academic session 22-23,	by assessment criteria and use	of work.	Implement Writing Engagement survey to gather
improvements have been made in the	of cohort milestone trackers.		Pupil Voice with Glencoats and Kilbarchan Primaries
following stages:		Professional dialogue/feedback at	
P2 + 12 % P6 +7 %	At key stages we aim to improve	Community Moderation sessions.	SLT to lead and support peer learning visits with
P4 +15 % P7 + 6 %	levels of attainment in writing:		focus on effective learning and teaching in writing
P5 +17 %	P1 – 70% - 82% will achieve	Attainment and Planning Meetings	
	Early Level	where Staff will scrutinise data from	All teachers to use new cohort milestones writing and
There is a need to continue to build on	P4 – 52%- 71% will achieve	last session and current session.	reading trackers to track learners' progress termly to
improved consistency in writing and to	First Level	Dips in attainment will be identified	inform attainment tracking meetings and planning
continue to moderate learning, teaching and	P7 – 66%- 75% will achieve	and next steps agreed (September,	
assessment processes for writing.	Second Level	January and April).	Moderation of planned Reading experiences:
			- October Inservice- (1 Hour)
In our P4-7 Pupil Survey (May 23) 45% of	Writing - By June 2025	Writing, Reading, Numeracy	- CLPL 2- 1 st November (1 Hour)
children wanted Writing to be included in	At all other stages we aim to improve	Assessment Cohort Trackers	- February Inservice – (1 Hour)
our School Improvement Plan.	expected standards within First and		- CLPL 5 – 21 st February (2 Hours)
	Second Levels.		

Reading

The current academic session 22-23, Achievement of a Level (ACEL) Writing data is as follows:

P1 – 64% P5 – 67% P2 – 80% P6 – 62% P3 – 59% P7 – 65% P4 – 75%

For the current academic session 22-23, improvements have been made in the following stages:

P2 + 16 % P6 +7 % P7 +13 %

There is a need to continue to build on improved consistency in reading and to continue to moderate learning, teaching and assessment processes for reading.

In our P4-7 Pupil Survey (May 23) 48% of children wanted Reading to be included in our School Improvement Plan.

Numeracy

Learning visits and evidence of pupils' work demonstrate a need to support teachers in going beyond the textbook in order to ensure children and young people encounter maths as an open, creative and collaborative subject.

Through our self-evaluation and Trio observations we need to revisit and explore various task structures with a low-floor and high-ceiling, which will ensure that all learners can be appropriately challenged and supported in their mathematical development.

P2 – 55% - 67% P3 – 72% - 80%

P5 - 75% - 81%

P6 - 67%- 77%

Reading - By June 2024:

At key stages we aim to improve levels of attainment in writing:

P1 – 70% - 82% will achieve Early Level

P4 – 59%- 65% will achieve First Level

P7 – 65%- 77% will achieve

Second Level

Reading- By June 2025

At all other stages we aim to improve expected standards within First and Second Levels.

P2 – 64% - 76%

P3 – 80% - 88%

P5 - 75% - 87%

P6 – 67%- 73%

Numeracy- By June 2024:

At key stages we aim to improve levels of attainment in writing:

P1 – 50% - 78% will achieve Early Level

P4 – 59%- 65% will achieve

First Level

P7-66%-75% will achieve

Second Level

Numeracy - By June 2025

At all other stages we aim to improve expected standards within First and Second Levels.

P2 - 73% - 85%

P3 - 84% - 88%

P5 - 81% - 87%

Pupil Support Plans and Support Meeting Data.

Targeted intervention data/evidence of work.

Pupils' work - Writing Journey jotters/Literacy and Numeracy Jotters

Monitoring of pupil experiences in writing records/Literacy and Numeracy Jotters/ SLT 'Show me what you know' visits.

Data in Reading and Writing Pupil Surveys

GL Assessment data (NGRT/PTE/PTM/ NGST) – to be used diagnostically to identify any gaps, and as measure of impact and progress.

SNSA data – to be used diagnostically to inform next steps.

Children's feedback on parental involvement during SLT 'Show me what you know' visits.

Focus group of parents post Family learning events

Parents will have an increased voice and opportunity to participate in their child's learning and the wider school Calendar. In-house Trio visits with Reading Focus (Jan-March)

Literacy and Numeracy Champions, Miss Strang and Mrs McDougall, will guide staff to engage in collaborative discussions across levels to share experiences of effective teaching and learning in Writing and Numeracy.

PEF Classroom Assistant/ASNA/ELCO support for targeted children Across all stages for Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

Staff requiring refresh on Renfrewshire Literacy Approach to engage with Local Authority Sessions: Session $1-28^{th}$ August The Primary Literacy Coaching Programme Session $2-4^{th}$ September

HT to Liaise with Literacy Development officer to create Bespoke package of support for Support Staff

Numeracy/ Maths - Task Design:

Raising Attainment in Reading

- October Inservice- (1 Hour)
- CLPL 3 22nd November (2 hours)
- CLPL 4- 24th January (2 hours)
- February Inservice (1 Hour)

Universal Family Learning Events (FLE) with focus on Literacy and Numeracy PEF -Teaching/Support Staff

Commissioning

- FLE 1- 6th Sep
- FLE 2- 25th Oct
- FLE 3 29th Feb

Universal Learning- Early , First and Second Level, After School Clubs PEF -Teaching/Support Staff Commissioning

The current academic session 22-23, Achievement of a Level (ACEL) Writing data is as follows:	P6 – 61%- 65%	Introduction of Class Meetings for Parents during the school day to allow for the cascading of key elements of Literacy and Numeracy to support Learning at
	Teachers will be able to use	home.
P1 – 73% P5 – 61%	assessment and tracking data	
P2 – 84% P6 – 66%	effectively, including new cohort	
P3 – 59% P7 – 57%	milestone trackers to identify key	
P4 - 81%	writing, reading and Numeracy	
For the current academic session 22-23,	milestones to inform next steps for	
improvements have been made in the	learners.	
following stages:		
P2 + 4 % P5 +11 %		
P4 + 6 % P6 + 7%		
In our P4-7 Pupil Survey (May 23) 42% of		
children wanted Numeracy to be included in		
our School Improvement Plan.		
Our Family Learning events during Session		
22-23 have had an average of 39% of		
our children across all stages at each event.		
During these events all families have		
indicated that the events help them support		
their children at home.		

Improvement Priority 3 – Curriculum: Review of our Curriculum Rationale and Practitioner Enquiry

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Rationale for change Our curriculum rationale was developed in 2016, therefore needs to be reviewed.

Following the review of our shared vision, values and aims Session 22-23, we must now ensure that our curriculum is shaped by these.

We must ensure that all stakeholders contribute to its development and design, and that it reflects the unique features of our school community.

Through self-evaluation last session it has been identified that the sharing of practice in good teaching and learning should be a priority to improve all classroom practice across the school. This is based on the success of Teacher's attending the Improving our Classrooms CLPL.

By March 2024

All Teaching staff will have a greater understanding of interventions/ pedagogy that will lead to greater attainment/achievement for almost all our children.

Outcome and Expected Impact

All teaching staff will be empowered to critically examine how their Teaching impacts on our children

All Teaching staff will use this evidence to inform teacher judgement and next steps for our children

By June 2025

Review of a curriculum rationale that is shaped by our revised shared vision, aims and values.

All stakeholders contribute to the development of our curriculum rationale.

Measures
Staff confidence survey pre and post interventions

Professional dialogue/feedback at Attainment and GIRFEC Meetings-September, January and April

Professional Dialogue during Presentation and Feedback sessions

Pre and post stakeholder survey data re. knowledge and understanding of our curriculum rationale:

- FLE 6th September
- Parents' Evening 15th/16th May

Pupil survey data May

Completed curriculum rationale.

Each Class teacher will undertake research in an aspect of their classroom that requires improvement e.g. aspect of literacy/Numeracy/Health and Wellbeing highlighted within school data analysis that is a common theme either within the stage or across the school.

Interventions

Each Class Teacher will undertake a small test of change in relation to this area and recording of impact on attainment/ achievement

Inservice Day 3- Why Practitioner Enquiry? Use of Education Scotland Examples:



Each Class Teacher will deliver Presentation on intervention and impact on learners.

- 6th March (1 Hour)
- 13th March(1 Hour)

1 Class Teacher embarking on West Partnership's Improving Our Classroom (IOC)

Our curriculum rationale takes account of local, national policy and guidance and all the factors that make our school unique.

Everyone in our school community understands what the school is trying to achieve through its curriculum.

Our curriculum rationale clearly demonstrates our commitment to securing children's rights and wellbeing.

Conduct pre stakeholder surveys re. knowledge and understanding of current curriculum rationale.

- Staff- Inservice Day 3
- Children- Class Teacher to gather information October – December 2023
- Parents FLE 3- 29th February 2024
 Use of Education Scotland's Curriculum Toolkit
 Materials



Inservice Day 3- 1 Hours Inservice Day 5 - 1 Hour

Pupil Council Meetings to ensure Child's Voice is clear in the review of our Curriculum Rationale

Establish Parent's and Community Focus Group