



St. Fergus' Primary School

School Improvement Plan 2025/26

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?

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 School, such as:

<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,
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
 Newsletters 	 Family Learning Sessions
 Parental evaluations of school events 	 Learning Showcases
• Website	
 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 will we 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 May
- Monitoring of Forward Plans
- 'Show Me What You Know' (SMWYK) visits by the SLT
- Class visits 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 and moderation of Child's 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, our School Values and wider achievement are celebrated

Moderation

School based moderation sessions

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 – Developing a consistent approach to skills language and development for all pupils in schools across the cluster

NIF Priorities

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who took the PASS Survey in Session

NIF 7 Key Outcomes (see page 2 for full descriptors)

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Assistant (PEF)

Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures	Interventions
Education Scotland advice states "As	Long term outcome – 2025 - 2028	All staff across cluster to	Term 1
part of their learner journey, all	A skills framework will be agreed	undertake baseline (by Sept) and	All staff will receive training to raise awareness and have a
children and young people are	within the cluster to ensure	post (June) survey to evaluate	shared understanding of key skills developed. The key
entitled to experience a coherent	consistency of skills development at	confidence around skills	overarching skills will be broken down to create a pupil-friendly
curriculum from 3-18, in order that	all stages using a shared language.	development.	skills progression toolkit:
they have the opportunities to	Pupils will be able to use this language	·	Teamwork
develop the knowledge, skills and	to reflect upon the skills for learning,	All pupils across cluster will	Communication
attributes they need to adapt, think	life and work they have developed	undertake baseline (by Sept) and	Thinking Skills
critically and flourish in today's	and be clear about how their	post (June) survey to identify their	Social Skills
world."	achievements relate to these. This	understanding, awareness and	Creativity
	cluster approach will also contribute	confidence around skills and	Problem Solving
Through staff audit and self-	to effective transitions between	application of skills.	Troblem solving
evaluation at both school and	Primary and Secondary school.		A shared cluster language will be agreed and published within
cluster level, we identified the need		Show Me What You Know SLT	the toolkit to ensure learning is skills based rather than content
to commit to and embed the	By June 2026	class learning visits will be skills	driven.
teaching of the meta-skills	Almost all teaching staff will have an	focussed and evidence an	
framework in order to ensure that	increased awareness, understanding	increased understanding of pupil	Throughout session
pupils can recognise, understand	and confidence in skills development.	abilities to reflect on skills using	GL PASS assessment completed with Primary 1 – 7 (
and explore skills essential for		skills-appropriate language.	Sep/Feb)
lifelong learning and work.	Pupils will have an increased ability to		 Show Me What You Know SLT class learning visits.
	identify, talk about and reflect on	GL PASS scores will show a	Selected Children across stages will work towards
In St Fergus, 27% of the 74 children	skills in a variety of contexts.	decrease in pupils reporting they	targeted Skills Development with Inclusion Support
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have low to moderate satisfaction

2024/25 from GL indicated that they had low to moderate low satisfaction for their Preparedness for Learning.

Additionally, the majority of pupils and staff surveyed in June 2025 stated that children in St Fergus are confident in their ability to talk about the skills they can use well and those they need to work on in different situations.

All classes will adopt a skills-focussed approach to learning and explicitly reflect on skills during introductions, mid-point summative assessment (AifL) and plenaries.

All Pupil Committee Groups will be skills focussed to ensure the approach and language is embedded and pupils can apply their knowledge and awareness in a variety of contexts.

Families will develop an awareness of the skills framework through shared home/school family learning. This will enable families to support effective dialogue relating to skills development and link this with personal achievements outside of school.

By June 2026

Cluster plan developed to include level-appropriate staff groups that will work across schools to plan and moderate skills development. This will be embedded into all cluster SIPs for session 26/27 to ensure a shared and continued focus for improvement.

for their Preparedness for Learning compared to the baseline 27% taken from June 2025. Practitioner Enquiry based approach will be used by all staff to implement a test of change focussed on:

- Planning for skills
- Research of skills
- Reflection of skills
- Evaluation of pupil understanding and progress
- Sharing good practice and feedback at cluster level

Term 3

Pilot Pupil Profiling of skill and achievements using My World of Work | My World of Work. This will be piloted with upper stage classes as a small test of change and evaluated with the pupils during Show Me What You Know visits. In session 26/27, those pupils involved in the pilot will be given leadership responsibility to embed the profiling tool amongst younger year groups.

By June 2026

All staff will use skills-based language in pupil displays to ensure clear links are visible between learning, achievements and skills.

2026/27

Collaborative Practitioner Enquiry based approach will be used by all staff collaboratively across level-appropriate staff groups. This will be chaired by a lead practitioner within the group and focus on:

- Share practice from session 25/26 in relation to skills
- Planning for skills
- Research of skills
- Create proposal for implementation
- Trial within own environment
- Reflection/moderation of skills
- Evaluation of pupil understanding and progress
- Sharing good practice and feedback

*Working Time Agreement of hours across the cluster over session 26/27

Collegiate calendar/INSET to include dedicated time for staff training, sharing of good practice and evaluation of skills development.

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

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Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected	Measures	Interventions
Reading	Reading - By June 2026:	Additional Support Needs (ASN) Conversations	Additional Support Needs (ASN)
The current academic session 24-25, Achievement of	At key stages we aim to improve	with key staff (September, January and May).	Conversations with key staff
a Level (ACEL) Reading data is as follows:	levels of attainment in Reading:		(September, January and May).
	P4 – 70%- 73% will achieve	In House Moderation of Reading and Writing,	
P1 – 70% P5 – 67%	First Level	planning information and evidence of work.	Target Schools Support Sessions from
P2 – 57% P6 – 88%	P7 – 88% will achieve Second		LA for Head Teacher and Class
P3 – 70% P7 – 79%	Level	Attainment and Planning Meetings where Staff	Teachers
P4 - 71%	Reading- By June 2026	will scrutinise data from last session and current	
For the current academic session 24-25,	At all other stages we aim to	session. Dips in attainment will be identified and	Inservice Day 3 (1 Hour)
improvements have been made in the following	improve expected standards	next steps agreed (September, January and	In House Moderation of
stages:	within First and Second Levels.	May).	Reading/Writing
P1 + 20% P3 +9%	P2 – 70% - 80%		CLPL 6 (1 Hour)
P4 +8% P5 +10%	P3 – 57% - 63%	Reading, Numeracy Assessment Cohort Trackers	In House Moderation of
P6 +6% P7 +16%	P5 - 71% - 79%		Reading/Writing
	P6 – 67%- 70%	Pupil Support Plans and Support Meeting Data.	
There is a need to continue to build on improved			Support from Literacy Officer-
consistency in reading and to continue to moderate	Writing - By June 2026:	Child Plans Moderation	Drop-in sessions for Teacher support
learning, teaching and assessment processes for	At key stages we aim to		with interventions (WTA- CLPL 8)
reading.	improve levels of attainment	Targeted intervention data/evidence of work.	Literacy Lead to attend Leading the
	in Writing :		Renfrewshire Literacy Approach
Over the next session there will be a renewed focus	P4 – 48%- 60% will achieve	Pupils' work - Literacy and Numeracy Jotters	Sessions Various dates
on the teaching of reading skills across the school	First Level		

Writing

The current academic session 24-25, Achievement of a Level (ACEL) Reading data is as follows:

P1 – 70% P5 – 67% P2 – 54% P6 – 82% P3 – 48% P7 – 68% P4 – 71%

For the current academic session 24-25, improvements have been made in the following stages:

P1 + 20% P4 +4% P7 +5%

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

From our P1 Teacher's Practitioner Enquiry during session 2024/25 their research suggests that for Feedback to influence learning it must be understood and acted upon. This means that feedback must be both accessible and motivating. Research also notes that when learners feel that feedback is relevant and supportive, they are more likely to act on it. With the use of QR Codes, which allows the learner to listen to the Teacher's verbal feedback, they will boost learner's interest and encourage a positive feedback culture across the school.

Numeracy

Teacher judgement/SNSA data/End of pathway/ GL assessments demonstrate that there is a need to raise attainment and achievement for all in maths and numeracy.

The current academic session 24-25, Achievement of a Level (ACEL) Numeracy data is as follows:

P7 – 88% will achieve Second Level

Writing- By June 2026

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

P2 – 70% - 80% P3 – 54% - 60% P5 - 71% - 75% P6 – 47%- 59%

Numeracy- By June 2026:

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

P4 – 78%-82% will achieve First Level P7 – 82% will achieve Second Level

Numeracy - By June 2026

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

P2 – 68% - 71% P3 – 78% - 82% P5 - 75% will remain on Target P6 – 60% -63%

By June 2026

Target group of children across all stages in Numeracy will be able to:

 Problem Solve using Metacognitive strategies. This will lead to more effective problem-solving by encouraging deeper understanding. Monitoring of pupil experiences in writing records/Literacy and Numeracy Jotters/ SLT 'Show me what you know' visits.

Data in Reading 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.

Use of VR resource to increase cultural Capital for Writing (PEF)

Use of QWIQR platform for verbal feedback weekly in writing tasks.



Numeracy Officer support in Drop in sessions for Class teachers (WTA- CLPL

Numeracy Champion Updates across identified CLPL/Staff Meeting

Attainment and Planning Meetings where Staff will scrutinise data from last session and current session. Dips in attainment will be identified and next steps agreed (September, January and April).

Reading, Numeracy Assessment
Cohort Trackers
Pupil Support Plans and Support
Meeting Data.
Targeted intervention data/evidence
of work. (PEF)

Pupils' work -Literacy and Numeracy Jotters

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P1 - 70%	P5 – 60%	
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P4 – 75%		
For the current academic session 24-25,		

For the current academic session 24-25, improvements have been made in the following stages:

P1 + 20 % P5 + 3% P3 +4% P7 +16%

Assessments and observations have highlighted that learners struggle to approach unfamiliar mathematical problems confidently and independently, especially word problems. National and international research suggests that metacognition can be a powerful lever for improvement, particularly in maths.

 Use transferable Skills including planning, selfquestioning, and reflection applied across a wide range of numeracy tasks, supporting higher performance. identify any gaps, and as measure of impact and progress.

Inservice Day 4

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

Inservice Day 5

Attainment update

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

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Improvement Priority 3 – Curriculum: Rights Respecting Schools and Laudato Si

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Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures	Interventions
Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) we will	By June 2026:	Baseline Questionnaire to be	UNCRC links will be introduced
adopt a whole school approach to child rights and human rights		taken at beginning of year and	to family learning session in
education. This involves learning about rights, through rights and	RRS Bronze award to be achieved	repeated at end of year to assess	Term 1.
for rights within a context of education as a right.		impact.	PEF - Teaching/Support Staff
	Pupil and Parent Questionnaire will		Commissioning
The UNCRC is incorporated into Scottish law and is also one of the	highlight and increased awareness of	Use of RRS checklist to gather	
key priorities of the National Improvement Framework. Therefore,	Rights Respecting Schools (RRS) and	sufficient evidence for Bronze	RRS Action Plan will be devised
by introducing the UNCRC in the curriculum, we are not only	UNCRC.	award and folder of evidence to	shared with wider school
informing children about their rights but also teaching them the		be created	community by RRS Leadership
importance of these rights. This understanding can help them to	By June 2028:		Group prior to application for
navigate the world more confidently and responsibly.		Leadership Group to be	accreditation.
	RRS Silver award to be achieved	established for RRS so children	
During learning conversations with selected children and with our		play a key role in learning.	Termly Assembly to led by RRS
pupil council, the children have voiced a willingness to learn about	By June 2030:		Leadership group of progress
UNCRC and be made more aware of their rights. They believe this		Class Charters evident in all	and linked to Laudato Si
will in conjunction with the Global Goals help to build a more	RRS Gold accreditation to be achieved.	classes	assembly
sustainable future for themselves and future generations. They		5.03555	
want to be aware of their entitlement and learn more about their		Assembly Planner- With UNCRC	CLPL 1 – 1 hour
future.		and RRS focus	Inservice Day 3 – 1 hour
		and this rocus	Inservice Day 4 – 1 hour
There has been an increase in racial incidents being recorded this		Visuals of shared language to be	CLPL 7 – 1 hour
year and this is being used to combat racial incidents.		Visuals of shared language to be	
		evident around the school i.e.	

We believe this will work in tandem with our Laudato Si journey,	ABCDE of rights and 3 I's and 2	Showcase of Learning June
with the two leadership opportunities coming together to make our	u's of rights	2026
children aware of how we can build a more sustainable and equal		
world.	UNCRC all articles to be made	
	visual in each class	
Our Laudato Si quote for the coming year is		
'the teachings of the Gospel have direct consequences for our way of thinking, feeling and livingspiritually can motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world'	RRS topic plans to be established	
passionate concern for the protection of our world		