



# Renfrewshire Council Children's Services

# St Paul's Primary School & Anchor Base

# **Improvement Plan**

2022-2023

## **Planning framework**

As part of Children's Services, St Paul's Primary School and Anchor Base 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 the next page.

#### **Pupil Equity Funding**

Our school received 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's Council Plan 2017-2027**

Working together for a thriving and connected Renfrewshire, creating opportunities for all

Reshaping our place, our economy, our future

Building strong, safe and resilient communities Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all Working together to improve outcomes

# **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**

Develop high quality learning and teaching that leads to improved levels of attainment and achievement in all of our establishments Reduce inequalities and deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people

Develop high quality leadership to promote empowerment at all levels Improve employability skills and support all of our young people to enter positive and sustained destinations



# Our Vision, Values and Aims

A place of partnership and discovery where we aspire to learn and achieve Values

## Respect, Honesty, Nurture, Kindness

### The aims of St Paul's Primary School are to:

- 1. Provide each child with a well-planned, broad & balanced curriculum in line with national & local authority guidelines.
- 2. Enable all children to realise their potential by developing strategies, which raise & maintain attainment.
- 3. Provide appropriate variety in teaching approaches to motivate children & encourage independence & cooperation in learning.
- 4. Support children's growth in all aspects of their intellectual, physical, spiritual, social & emotional development affording all children equality of opportunity.
- 5. Develop a sense of identity & pride in the school by developing genuine partnerships with all users of the service where every member of the community holds a deep respect for all others & their personal well-being & happiness.
- 6. Create a happy, safe & stimulating learning environment with well-trained motivated staff & well organised modern educational resources.



#### Who did we consult?

To identify our priorities for improvement, we sought the views of learners, parents & staff. We used a variety of methods of getting the views of those who are involved in the life and work of St Paul's Primary School & Anchor Base We have also consulted with our partners across and out with the Council to assist us in the delivery of our priorities. All information gathered is collated and used to assist us to identify next steps and areas for improvement.

Staff	Parents/Carers
<ul> <li>Staff meetings</li> <li>In-Service Days</li> <li>Curriculum Development Sessions</li> <li>Regular children's progress/target setting meetings.</li> <li>Attainment and GIRFEC meetings</li> <li>Collegiate consultation exercise 'Identifying Priorities for Improvement'</li> <li>Self Evaluation using How Good Is Our School (HGIOS) 4,</li> <li>Regular review of School Improvement Plan priorities</li> <li>Staff Questionnaires / Surveys</li> <li>Annual Professional Review and Development meetings / Professional Update discussions</li> <li>Professional enquiry – researching and presenting findings and impact to colleagues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual Report feedback</li> <li>Parental Questionnaires/Surveys</li> <li>Parents' Meetings / Telephone calls</li> <li>Parent Council meetings</li> <li>Monthly newsletters</li> <li>Website</li> <li>Parental evaluations of school events</li> <li>Induction Days</li> <li>Parent Workshops</li> <li>Team Around the Child (TAC) meetings</li> <li>Family Learning Session</li> <li>Open afternoon</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Learners</li> <li>Pupil Questionnaires</li> <li>Pupil Council / House Captain meetings</li> <li>Focus Groups</li> <li>Consultation Assemblies</li> <li>Consulted throughout planning for curricular activities (KWHL, Mind Mapping, Floorbooks and other appropriate methods)</li> <li>Whole school and classroom rights-based learning activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partners</li> <li>Regular meetings between HT and Service Delivery Officer (SDO) to manage school and pupil equity budget effectively</li> <li>Regular collaborative meetings with Home Link Worker&amp; Educational Psychologist</li> <li>Discussions with English as Additional Language (EAL), Place2be to ensure identified children are well supported</li> <li>Termly meetings with Active Schools Co-ordinator to plan opportunities for learners</li> <li>Head Teacher Cluster meetings / DHT cluster learning sets</li> <li>Collaborate with local supermarket to support families within the school community</li> </ul>



#### 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:

- Self-evaluation sessions with all staff using HGIOS 4
- Monitoring calendar in place sampling of pupil work
- Target setting for pupils
- Monitoring and tracking of children's learning and attainment
- Scrutiny of attainment information by class teachers and SLT
- Analysis of assessment data from ongoing class assessments
- Results of audits and impact of changes evaluated
- Regular discussion and collaboration with Educational Psychologist, Home link Worker, EAL Teacher
- Senior Leadership Team (SLT) & Extended Leadership Team (ELT) Meetings
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Pupil Focus Groups / Consultation Assemblies
- Sharing Good Practice session / Practitioner Enquiry within WTA
- Staff peer learning visits across the school
- Pupil lesson evaluations and feedback
- Regular review and evaluation of IEPs / CSPs
- School moderation activities / Writing moderation work with partner school Heriot Primary

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

HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs	<ul> <li>NIF Priorities</li> <li>Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education</li> </ul>		School Leadership		NIF Drivers Assessment of Children's progress
QIs 1.5, 2.1, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7 &	<ul> <li>Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and n</li> </ul>	umeracy			
3.1	<ul> <li>Closing the attainment gap between the most and least</li> <li>Improvement in children's and young people's health and</li> </ul>		Teacher Professio	nalism	School Improvement
	<ul> <li>Improvement in employability skills and sustained, posit</li> </ul>		Parental Engagem	nent	Performance Information
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures			Intervention
EMOTIONAL HEALTH Class teachers report children still require significant supports in regulating their	By June 2023 most children will be able to independently self-regulate using strategies taught through HWB curriculum	Survey results for Glasgow Moti Wellbeing Profile (GMWP) toolk (affiliation question 2&3)		more r	class, daily check-ins and bespoke, egular check-in arrangements ed for individual learners as required
behaviour in school post- pandemic.	By June 2023 all staff will feel more confident in supporting children using Emotion Works programme	principle		Bespoke safe space, to suit the needs of children, in place in all classes. Children to access as required to support self-	
73% of children live in SIMD1- 3, 44% of children receive a	By June 2023 most children will feel well			regulat	tion
clothing grant and 29% of children P5-7 are in receipt of	supported in their relationships with peers	Circle Inclusive Classroom Scale (CICS) tool to measure the inclusivity of the classroom environment		sharing	Health & Wellbeing Assembly – g information & strategies with s on how children learn
free school meals. This means many of our children may be affected, we continue our work in improving health and	By June 2023 all staff will have an increased awareness of nurture principle "classroom offers a safe space" and how to create a nurturing classroom environment			Re-intr suppor Reviev	roduce / re-visit 6 step approach to rting behaviour (October 2022) v Positive Relationships Policy (by
wellbeing for our children.	By June 2024 most children will demonstrate improved resilience when	Place2be statistics and main themes of support		Octobe	er 2022)
P2B Place2talk sessions have increase from 156 to 329 this session. Some of the key	dealing with every-day set-backs in the classroom	Survey results for Glasgow Motivation & Wellbeing Profile (GMWP) toolkit 3x per session (agency question 8) Classroom visits / Observations		Revisit Nurture Principle – "classroom offers a safe base" – using Circle of Inclusion resource to ensure consistent	
themes include; separation, family relationships, worry, sadness and loss.	By December 2022 parents/carers of all children in school will be given the opportunity to visit to learn about St. Paul's Mental Wellbeing Strategy, after the			include music,	g environments across the school e, Calm resource kit Mindfulness extend massage in school mme to a second / third class
Staff accessing Place2think has also increased from 109	introduction of our policy, in August 2022. During this input families will see practical	Parental Survey		Consis	stent use of outdoor space – provide
last session to 196 this session with staff seeking help to support pupil mental health and wellbeing	ways which support their own mental health and their child's.	Perception of safety levels using toolkit scores. Measurements to Sept'22, Jan'23, May'23		/WP) timetable to ensure equitable acc	

Staff consultation shows that the principle of "Classroom offers a safe space" needs to be revisited post pandemic On return to full-time education, management referrals show many children have struggled to re-engage in sustained learning and the routine of school life. SLT are requested to support behaviour on a daily basis post pandemic	By March 2023, all parents/carers who engage in our Mental Health Strategy sessions, will have increased knowledge of the supports available to support mental health and wellbeing in school and the local community. By June 2023 all families will receive regular sign-posted information regarding support within the local community. By October 2022 all children will have increased opportunities for positive social interactions with peers in other stages and adults through sessions such as, citizenship groups and house events	Number of families access support from Ren 10 Teachers' planning will demonstrate the increased focus on mental health and wellbeing, using relevant HWB resources eg CCC, Playback ICE, Emotion Works etc. CLPL evaluations & professional dialogue evidence that staff understand and actively use the supports available to support CYP. SCERTS Targets used with children across Anchor Base classes Staff pre/post confidence scaling training / CLPL in NVR & Emotion Works	Emotion Works session with Families to improve their knowledge and encourage a link between home and school support Purchase Playback Ice Resource to ensure consistent, progressive programme across the school (PEF £1500 one off payment) Three Health and Wellbeing workshops offered by Place2be – to raise awareness of families on how to support their own wellbeing and that of their children (PEF Place2be £10,000) NVR – staff training for all staff from Ed Psych, ensuring all staff have additional tools and strategies to support children they are working with NVR Lead – identify at least one member of staff to complete level 1 training to support DHT Re-establish mixed stage Citizenship groups P3-7 to support the social aspect of wellbeing
SPIRITUAL HEALTH As a Catholic school the faith development of the children is at the core of our school ethos and values. Having become a Laudato Si school last session, we will continue our focus on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship	By June 2023 all children will be more knowledgeable about how to look after our planet. By June 2023 all children will be more confident in sharing their faith with others during key events such as Lent and Advent By June 2023 most mainstream teaching staff will have engaged with The Good Shepherd Journal as a support for their own spiritual/faith development.	Laudato Si Floor Book of evidence gathered by Citizenship group to evaluate progress of Laudato Si journey Class teacher planning documentation Staff RERC CLPL evaluations Number of staff who have engaged with Good Shepherd Journals from Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES)	Identify new RE Co-ordinator who will lead progress and assemblies to support and share our Laudato Si work Staff meetings will begin with an opportunity for prayer/reflection to support the spiritual development of staff Two staff retreats 15 <sup>th</sup> August cluster mass and Advent/Lent Service and reflection Termly family masses in Church arranged by RERC co-ordinator / Laudato Si & community citizenship group

between God, humans, and the Earth PHYSICAL HEALTH Recognising the positive impact of physical health on our mental health and wellbeing we will increase opportunities for extra- curricular clubs and outdoor experiences 76% of children would like to have more active after-school clubs. 82% of children would like more opportunities for sports and activities in the community.	By June 2023 there will be an increase (from the 48% last session) in the number of children participating in extra-curricular clubs. Working towards pre-covid participation of 70% By June 2024 some children will be accessing local community clubs leading to an improvement in their physical wellbeing	Number of pupils engaged in sport / physical activity in school each term Wider Achievement – record number of children attending clubs outside of school each term Pupil Attendance information from • Active Schools Clubs • Community Clubs Pupil evaluations of Active Schools / Extra- curricular activities Glasgow Wellbeing Profiles information.	Increase opportunities for after-school clubs by employing a new Health and Wellbeing Assistant (Health & Wellbeing Assistant 25hrs £14,415.03 PEF) Review PE curriculum planning to align with local community events Begin work towards School Sports Award
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HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs	<ul> <li>Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy</li> <li>Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children</li> <li>Improvement in children's and young people's health and wellbeing</li> </ul>		School Leadership		NIF Drivers Assessment of Children's progress
QIs- 1.2, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 & 3.2			Teacher Professio	onalism	School Improvement Performance Information
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures			Intervention
CfE performance data illustrates that, as a school, writing is the main area for improvement with the average attainment sitting at 56% compared to reading which is 68%. The biggest dip in attainment appears at P4 = 38% & P6 = 43%. Attainment in writing at P1 and P4 is below our comparator quartile. This can partially be attributed to multiple staff changes year on year, which can limit the impact of whole school interventions. During school closures and periods of disrupted education, writing was the most difficult for	By June 2023 attainment in writing across the school will increase from 56% to 61%. June 2024 61%-66%. June 2025 66%-71% By June 2023 attainment in writing at P4 will increase by 4%. Attainment in writing at P7 will increase by 3% from current P6 attainment level Attendance of the target group (21 children) is increased by 5% by June 2023 and 10% by June 2024 Late-coming of the target group (19 children) is reduced by 5% by June 2023 By December 2022, almost all current teachers are more confident in the learning and teaching of writing. Most support staff are more confident and skilled in providing in-class support to the	Target setting / Attainment track to ensure targeted approached i children Standardised assessment data SNSA/ACEL at P4 and P7 Class formative assessment Writing assessment scores Attendance records Peer class visit feedback (with p Pre/post teacher judgement dat Levels of staff engagement with Working/focus/support group mi school/cluster/authority level	for identified including project lead) a CLPL	27.5 hc targete support August term wr during t Termly WTA (4 all staff implem All teac Fiction consist staff Writing class e	tment of 1fte Classroom Assistant burs (PEF £10,500) to provide d interventions to identified group ting basic literacy 2022 – begin to implement medium riting planning and guidance devised term 4 session 2021/22 curriculum development time from 4.5hrs) with writing focus to ensure well supported throughout tentation ching staff attend Talk for Writing training 12/8/22 ensuring a ent approach and knowledgeable project lead will have 0.2 out of ach week to support progress in
children and families to maintain at home. Significant work has been undertaken in relation to building a reading culture and effective reading pedagogy.	identified group. By October 2022, a clear, structured, progressive, consistent approach to writing will be evident at all stages using the Talk for Writing approach in combination with the Write Stuff visuals already familiar to	Project Lead Monitoring and Cla	ass visits	Suppor & 25 <sup>th</sup> A	r Writing programme t staff will attend Writing CLPL 24 <sup>th</sup> August (identified staff) are they are skilled in supporting s
Greater links now need to be established between the	learners				ar of writing CLPL sessions ed throughout the session.

<ul> <li>teaching of reading and writing to create a coherent, progressive literacy curriculum.</li> <li>Staff professional self- evaluation discussions and learner conversations indicate a need to increase learner engagement and enjoyment in writing by using effective writing pedagogy and creating a culture of writing for pleasure.</li> <li>Staff self-evaluation discussions indicate a need for increased stamina for writing and the creation of ideas for writing for some children.</li> </ul>	By October 2022, school medium term plans for all stages will be updated to ensure consistency of curriculum coverage and skills across all stages By June 2023 all staff will be trained and using Talk for Writing programme By June 2023 almost all children will demonstrate increased engagement, knowledge and skill in the writing process.	Ongoing evaluation of staff confidence, understanding and progress with implementation Pre/post pupil learning conversations (individual target setting, focus groups etc.) Learner feedback - target group Target group writing journals Writer Engagement Survey records	<ul> <li>Introduce monthly Star Writers to promote, encourage and celebrate writing</li> <li>3/3/23 Project Lead Training in Non-Fiction 30/5/23 All teaching staff Non-Fiction Training</li> <li>Inclusion Support Assistant (PEF £29,729) to engage with target families to build relationships, improve attendance and encourage activities and writing at home. (See links to Priority 4 Family Learning and engagement page)</li> <li>Commissioning rates 6hrs for Project Lead to support monitoring programme and moderation of work (PEF £250)</li> <li>Moderation of writing with family quartile 1 school Heriot Primary November'22 and May'23 4hrs WTA to support</li> </ul>
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Qls – 1.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 3.1 & 3.2			Teacher Professio	onalism School Improvement
Rationale for change	young people	Highlight as appropriate		
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures		Intervention
Evidence suggests that parental engagement in learning is key to the positive outcomes for children and young people therefore family learning & renewed parental relationships are required. Parent census data from session 18/19 compared to 2021 illustrates a drop in family engagement and a need for relationships with parents to be re-established From the recent parent survey 36% agreed or strongly agreed that the school provided them with useful information about how they can help their children to learn. This has dropped from 64% in 2019. 23% agreed or strongly agreed that the school offers a selection of family learning activities such as events and workshops. This has dropped from 79% in 2019.	<ul> <li>By June 2023 the number of parents/ carers who have taken part in family learning activities will increase from 32% - 37%. This will increase further to 43% by 2024 and 50% by 2025</li> <li>By June 2023 most P1/2 parents will be more confident in sharing reading opportunities with their child by attending regular Stay and Play sessions in class and local library visits with the class.</li> <li>By June 2023 there will be an increase in the number of children experiencing being read to at home</li> <li>By June 2023 most parents / carers who attend a family learning session will feel more confident in supporting their children.</li> <li>By June 2024 most parents / carers will be able to support their child's wellbeing and learning at home</li> <li>By October 2022 most classes will have had a 50%+ attendance of families at Meet the Teacher</li> </ul>	Attendance records for each set Levels of parental engagement parents noting something they v and try at home Pre/post child and family survey learning and stay and play sess Reader Engagement Surveys xt Attainment levels in reading & b records Number of books taken out from library each term Snapshot Survey – one week ea measure number of children bei home (like walk to school) Termly learner conversations wi teachers show improved engage learning activities (focus on read Home Learning Records Engagement in curriculum supp	during session – vill take away s at family ions. 2 per year ook-banding n local Foxbar ach term to ng read to at th class ement in home ding)	Calendar of family learning and engagement activities finalised by Sept 2022 and delivered across the year to re- establish relationships with school and families Introduce Calendar of Stay and Play sessions for P1-2 parents / carers 2x per week. Staff record and share modelling of reading with families digitally. Re-engage links with local groups such as Library and Montrose care home with a focus on reading for enjoyment and inter- generational skills Universal Family Learning Events – (reading, writing and maths) 5 Hours from WTA for teaching staff to support. (PEF ISA will lead £29,000) Commissioning/overtime hours for support staff to support family learning opportunities (PEF £500 4 support staff x 5hours = 20 in total to support family learning sessions)

HGIOS/HGIOELC QIS QIs – 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 3.1 & 3.2	<ul> <li>Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy</li> <li>Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children</li> <li>Improvement in children's and young people's health and wellbeing</li> </ul>		School Leadership Teacher Professiona Parental Engageme	
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Measures		Intervention
A small group of 14 children across the school are finding it difficult to engage in learning post pandemic GHWB Profile average information for – "I feel safe" shows – Sept Average: 8.4 Jan Average: 8.1 May: 8.4 SLT are requested to support behaviour on a daily basis, post pandemic. This is having a negative impact on pupil safety, attainment & strategic progress	<ul> <li>By June 2023 the target intervention group (TIG) will require less support from SMT</li> <li>By June 2023 there will be improved levels of engagement from TIG</li> <li>By June 2023 an improvement in pupil inclusion and engagement in learning will be evident across all stages</li> <li>By June 2023 there will be an increase in pupil perceptions of engagement from the average of 8 this session. (agency question 5)</li> <li>By June 2023 staff will report improvement in learner engagement</li> <li>By June 2023 GWBT – I feel safe question pupil average will increase from 83% to 86%</li> <li>By June 2023 there will be increased engagement in learning by all targeted pupils</li> </ul>	Number of referrals to SMT Monitoring of pupils' work, Monitoring of learning, teaching experiences, Pupil Have Your Say forms Pupil Learning Conversations / f ASNA feedback / records demon improvement in inclusion and er Leuvan Scale of engagement Glasgow Motivation & Wellbeing (GMWP) (Agency questions – a achieving) GMWP 3 X yearly - Healthy & S in school specific question track the term Termly Tracking Meetings with H Wellbeing Assistant (HWBA) to intervention group (including Ca children with additional support f	and pupil s and pupil s focus groups f nstrate an l ngagement s apgroups f nstrate an l gagement s and pupil s focus groups f nstrate an l gagement s and pupil s focus groups f nstrate an l gagement s focus groups f nstrate an l gagement s focus groups f nstrate an l gagement s focus groups f focus groups f f focus groups f f focus groups f f f f f f f f f f f f f f f f f f f	Increase access to community groups with support of HWBA 25hours (PEF £14,058) Develop a flexible curriculum for TIG with support from HWBA (PEF) Revise play pedagogy approach in P1/2 Implement outdoor learning approach to further engage children in learning (previous work with learning through landscapes – identify a member of staff to lead this development) Revisit the nurture principle "The classroom offers a safe base" Ed Psych training session for staff (WTA 2hrs) NVR – training for all staff (Ed Psych) – level 1 training for 2 key members of staff Connected Compassionate Classroom training for all staff (Ed Psych – in-service day Feb 2023) Developing a structured activity action plan for each term that highlights targeted interventions for targeted pupils, their families and wider school community