



DALMILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: 2024-2025

Working to achieve excellence and equity for all learners.





Our Vision, Values and Aims

Vision		
Inspire Engage and Succeed Together (June 2020)		
Our Core Value		
We Care (January 2021)		
Aims		
We aim to promote a high standard of learning	We aim to provide a safe and caring environment	
experiences for pupils	We aim to promote positive attitudes and high	
We aim to match learning to individual pupils	self-esteem	
We aim to enable pupils to reach their potential	We aim to promote effective partnership with home, school and community	

South Ayrshire Council Plan

Spaces and PLaces
Live, Work, learn
Civic and Community Pride

Children's Service Plan Outstanding universal provision
Tackling Inequalities
Love and support for our Care Experienced young people and young carers
Good physical and mental wellbeing
Promoting Children's Rights

Education Services Priorities

Equity, Wellbeing and Inclusion
Learning, Teaching and Assessment
Curriculum
Self Evaluation for Self Improvement

National Improvement Framework Priorities

Placing the human rights of every child and young person at the centre of education
Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children
Improvement in employability skills and sustained positive school leaver destinations for all young people
Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy

HGIOS 4 Quality Indicators

1.1 Self-Evaluation for Self-Improvement; 1.2 Leadership of Learning; 1.3 Leadership of Change; 2.2 Curriculum; 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment; 2.4 Personalised Support; 3.2 Raising attainment & achievement

NIF Priorities:

Improvement in attainment, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy

Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people

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Target: To raise attainment for all in literacy and close the attainment gap by improving attainment				
Measures	Intended Impact	Actual Impact		
 ACEL level cohort tracking including December and June data uplifts. Learning conversations progress updates Class observation feedback on teaching of writing Various data and Standardised assessments across P1-P7 Data from literacy interventions Attendance (lates and absences) of targeted learners Staff and Pupils Surveys 100% of children will have online access to library Library at the centre of pupils learning - data from pupil and teacher surveys Audits from Speech and Language, environment friendly accreditation. 	Increase number of targeted learners achieving CFE levels in literacy at P1, P4, P7 and therefore evidence of closing the gap in literacy. All staff are involved in planned cluster moderation activity. Improved frequency of writing activity throughout the school using a range of approaches. All staff will engage with South Ayrshire Reads (Year 2) therefore will have improved knowledge of best practice in reading. (See Appendix 1) Improved engagement in reading for pleasure and have evidence of improved reading culture and work towards Reading Schools accreditation. Create a communication friendly environment consistently throughout the school. Encourage pupil leadership groups All staff will have engaged Adaptive Learning and Teaching (year 2) involving self-evaluation and professional reading. Learning will be accessible	Actual Impact		
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To ensure staff understanding on impact of pedagogical practices on raising attainment including - Science of Reading, adaptive learning and teaching, outdoor learning and play based learning.

Increased engagement from a wider group of pupils and parents within the context of literacy.

All pupils are supported in the preparation for transitioning into secondary school through Ayr Academy transition programme resulting in a greater number of secondary pupils maintaining a positive placement. Positive partnerships in place to ensure smooth transitions to other schools/from EYCs. South Ayrshire transition policy used effectively to ensure enhanced transition is in place for those who require this.

Lead Persons: Jodie Thomson, Lauren Campbell, Debbie Riddicks, Lisa McTaggart

Timescales: By June 2025 (Including mid-year review)

Budget: PEF - School Assistants, EYP in P1 and P2

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NIF Priorities:

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Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people.

Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people.

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Outcomes	Measures	Intended Impact	Actual Impact	
Increase % of learners on	ACEL level cohort tracking including	Increase number of targeted learners		
track to achieve expected CFE	December and June data uplifts.	achieving expected CFE levels in numeracy		
level in numeracy		P1, P4, P7.		
	Learning conversations progress			
P1 at least 87%	updates	Further develop and enhance the		
P4 at least 68%		pedagogical knowledge and professional		
P7 at least 71%	Class observation feedback on	skills		
	teaching of numeracy.			
		Evidence of closing the attainment gap in		
	Various data and Standardised	numeracy.		
	assessments across P1-P7			
	(GL, NSAs, Number Sense, Early Level	All staff are involved in cluster moderation		
	Assessments, Hodder, Headstart,	of learning, teaching and assessment		
	Number Talks)	within the context of numeracy.		
	Pre and Post Positive Mathematical	All staff are involved in professional		
	Mindset questionnaires.	learning opportunities developing skills in		
		numeracy pedagogy which will improve pupil		
	Data from numeracy-based	engagement and pupil understanding of		
	interventions (5 Minute box, Catch-up	mathematical concepts.		
	Numeracy, Number Sense, Mathseeds,	·		
	CPA).	Almost all staff deliver mathematics and		
		numeracy lessons using 'Building Thinking		
		Classrooms' pedagogy which will improve		
		pupil engagement and pupil understanding		
		of mathematical concepts.		
		Almost all children will score as having a		
		growth mindset using data from post		

Positive Mathematical questionnaires.

To ensure staff understanding on impact of pedagogical practices on raising attainment including adaptive learning and teaching, outdoor learning and play based learning.

All pupils are supported in preparation for transitioning into secondary school through Ayr Academy transition programme resulting in an increased number of pupils settling and maintaining a positive secondary placement. Positive partnerships in place to ensure smooth transitions to other schools/ from EYCs. South Ayrshire transition policy used effectively to ensure enhanced transition is in place for those who require this.

Lead Persons: Kay Shields, Lisa McTaggart

Timescales: By June 2025 (Including mid-year review)

Budget: PEF - School Assistants, EYP in P1

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NIF Priorities:

Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people; Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing; Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all young people.

To develop Children's Rights Agenda across the cluster To reach next level of Rights Respecting School Accreditation

To continue to improve children and young people's HWB

Outcomes	Measures	Intended Impact	Actual Impact
Children's Rights Agenda	Staff learning conversations	Cluster project -	
developed across the cluster.	progress updates	OUTRight Campaign – to develop pupil	
		knowledge of children's rights, raise	
Working towards Rights	Class observation feedback on pupil	awareness of different mechanisms for	
Respecting Schools Gold Award	voice.	using their voice and making change and	
Accreditation achieved in		empowering pupils on how to use their	
2024/2025 session.	Participation in pupil groups across	voice to initiate change.	
	the school.		
All stakeholders have an		Empowered and inspire children to think	
awareness and understanding of	Wellbeing indicators (through	about and share their views resulting in	
UNCRC Bill - Incorporation	wellbeing webs).	positive changes and improvements in the	
(Scotland) Bill		school and community.	
	Attendance (lates and absences) of		
Pupils are empowered and	targeted learners.	Staff within school will develop an	
inspired to think about and		awareness and understanding of The	
share their views.	Staff and Pupils Surveys	Promise and all that is included within the	
	Mid and year end.	national guidance and local authority	
Average school attendance is		initiatives, this will be enhanced by	
currently 89% increase to 91%	Termly boxalls for children	completing The Promise Education Award	
	attending nurture.	by June 2025.	
Enhance fidelity model of			
nurture provision across the		Develop the health and wellbeing	
school.		curriculum through use of Treetops	
		resourc	
Support inclusion of all learners			

within school.

Provide environments that are supportive and inclusive.

Continue to improve children and young people's HWB.

Strengthen schools approaches in QI 3.1 and 2.4 to impact positively on pupils HWB, attainment and achievement.

All staff will support learners with experience of care to provide improved wellbeing and in turn work towards improved educational outcomes.

A communication friendly environment will be consistent throughout the school, enabling all children to access the curriculum and succeed in learning together.

All children (P1/P4/P7) produce evidence to demonstrate progressive skills development (planned assessment evidence)

Increase number of children reporting wellbeing indicators as 10 - 90% across all indicators.

Promoting positive attendance through whole school initiatives.

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Lead Persons: Kay Shields

Timescales: June 2024 (and mid-year review)

Budget: PEF - School Assistants, Welfare Officer, EYP in P1