



Education Resources
Curriculum and Quality Improvement Service
School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality 2024/25

Carmichael Primary School



Strategic Improvement Priorities over 3 year cycle

Timescale: 2023-2026

Strategic Priority	Year 1 2023-2024	Year 2 2024-2025	Year 3 2025-2026
1.	Revising our school vision, values and aims with our school community and partners.	Increase attainment in writing.	Audit and extension of numeracy and mathematics programmes with a focus on application of mathematical skills.
2.	Extending the opportunities for pupil participation through the use of HGIOURS and participating in the Young Leaders of Learning programme.	Improve/embed approaches to nurture and trauma informed practice.	Supporting parental engagement and family learning through a variety of approaches including in-person sessions and use of ICT.
3.	Development of play pedagogy in our infant class linking to South Lanarkshire's Skills Framework.	Improve digital literacy across our school community.	Revision of school approach to modern languages.
4.		Implement the Circle Framework for Inclusion across school.	

Maintenance Agenda

Key actions	Relevant stakeholder involvement	Timeline for completion
Our Young Leaders of Learning will start visits to other schools focusing on relationships across their schools and develop an action plan.	Whole School	On-going
We will continue on our Rights Respecting Schools Journey, further developing pupils' understanding of the UNCRC and how it relates to them.	Headteacher	Sept/Oct 2024
We will continue to explore and embed the South Lanarkshire Skills Framework across all curricular areas.		
Continued commitment to sustainability through Eco schools, Rights Respecting Schools programme, and development of Cost of the School day policy and practice.	Whole School Community	On-going

Context of school

Carmichael Primary School is a small school in a very rural area of Clydesdale in South Lanarkshire. The current roll is 36 pupils over 2 classes. In the local area there is a mixture of privately-owned housing, social housing and farms as well as a village hall and a church. Both the church and village hall are under threat and the community is working hard to maintain or take them over. There is no public transport available for the village of Carmichael. The new school building was opened in 2010 and provides an excellent, modern environment in which our children can learn and achieve.

In Carmichael Primary School our vision is to create a safe and nurturing environment which encourages independence and resilience, inspiring pupils to reach their full potential. Our school values are kindness, resilience, confidence, creativity and respect, we aim to promote these throughout our school community and the curriculum. Our school motto 'Shine Brightly' was devised by the children and selected by all stakeholders as a mantra for our school.

Our role remains steady with a healthy intake of P1 pupils over the last few sessions. The projected role for session 2024/2025 is 36 children. We have a small number of pupils who are SIMD 1&2 or FME. We have an active and engaged Parent Council who play an integral role in school life. They support our aim to limit the cost of the school day by securing funding through grants and fundraising.

Our Principal Teacher is midway through a two-year career break, an acting Principal teacher has been appointed from our partner school who was already familiar with the school and staff. We are part of the Lanark Learning Community and continue to share good practice with colleagues across the learning community. This year we continued our Learning Community aligned CAT sessions focusing on practitioner enquiry. The aligned CAT sessions were welcomed by all staff and evaluated very positively.

We work closely with Lanark Grammar on their extensive P7-S1 transition programme, and also with Biggar High as a number of our pupils often attend. Carmichael Primary has also strengthened the working relationship with our partner school, Braehead Primary.

