

Education Resources Curriculum and Quality Improvement Service

School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality 2023/24

St. John the Baptist Primary School and Nursery Class



Strategic Improvement Priorities over 3 Year Cycle

Timescale: 2022-2025

Strategic	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Priority	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Nursery	*Staff will continue to work collaboratively and flexibly so that they and the children adapt to the changes in learning environments in both the portacabin and school localities. *Staff will continue with their professional learning to ensure that they keep up to date with ongoing developments in early learning and childcare and, where appropriate, are fully equipped to move to their new establishment in Clyde Terrace in Bothwell. *Wider communication of the celebration of the successes and achievements of the nursery. *Increased face to face dialogue with parents.	*Staff will continue to evaluate and risk assess to ensure optimum collaboration and flexibility to maximise learning opportunities for all pupils across both localities. *Staff will demonstrate their Distributive Leadership roles to colleagues, parents and the school community at Showcases of Learning e.g. during themed weeks. *Staff will continue their individual professional learning journeys to develop the team to ensure a wide range of knowledge, skills and abilities can be drawn upon to meet the ongoing needs of pupils. *Continue to monitor and evaluate the progress of planning in the moment and promote slow pedagogy.	*Staff will plan and evaluate for the reduced Nursery team in one locality to maximise learning opportunities for all pupils. *Staff will continue to adapt and demonstrate their Distributive Leadership role to colleagues, parents and the school community in a variety of ways including social media. *Staff will continue their individual professional learning journeys to develop the reduced team and fill any gaps to ensure a wide range of knowledge, skills and abilities can be drawn upon to meet the ongoing needs of pupils. *Complete enquiry based learning study and fully embed planning in the moment and slow pedagogy.
Priority 1.	Continuity of learning *Build on the success of last session's Development Groups to improve learning, teaching and assessment in Numeracy and Listening and Talking. *Continue to use Tracking and Monitoring data to inform next steps for learners and plan interventions to support pupils. *Pilot the new writing plans, genre specific guidelines and assessment criteria. developed by staff last session.	Improving our School *Embark on Improving our Schools Programme (IOS) and work collaboratively within the school and West Partnership to focus on developing differentiation in Numeracy and Literacy to meet the needs of all pupils and to enhance the use of data at all levels.	Improving our School *Identify one feature of Highly Effective Practice identified at the end of Session 2023/24 through rigorous self evaluation and focus on this to raise attainment and meet the learning needs of all pupils.
Priority 2.	Promote the Positive Health and Wellbeing of Children, Parents, <u>Carers and Staff</u> *Extend Nurture Programme. *Continue to Emotions Works and Healthy Schools Programme as part of our HWB curriculum. *Extend counselling provision by introducing Give us a Break Programme of Support and CUSTTAD.	Plan for Learning, Teaching and Assessment * Formally Introduce a Play Based Learning Pedagogy in P1 *Increase outdoor learning opportunities for all pupils	Plan for Learning, Teaching and Assessment *Play Based Learning Pedagogy developing Beyond P1 *Embed outdoor learning
Learning Community	<u>Catholic Education and Ethos:</u> <u>Serving the Common Good</u> *To consider the impact of our Catholic Mission on the wellbeing, equality and inclusion of pupils. *To evaluate our collaborative and partnership work in relation to our Catholic Mission.	Developing in Faith *To create an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God.	Developing in Faith *Embed inclusive ethos and celebrate diversity
Planning for Equity	*Continue to use set criteria for Support Priorities to ensure consistency in support over a period of time. *Monitor all pupil attendance, in particular targeted pupils and the few pupils who are a cause for concern. *Use ongoing information from Tracking and Monitoring to review School Support Staff timetables and focus SLT support.	*Employ a Barnardo's Worker for 0.2 as some families requiring support have limited engagement with the school and are reluctant to work with social work agencies *Purchase play resources to support pupils in the transition between Nursery and P1 *Purchase additional outdoor resources to support all pupils in learning outdoors	*Continue to employ a Barnardo's Worker to support parental engagement for all families

Context of school

St John the Baptist Primary is a co-educational school located in Uddingston. The school has 13 classrooms (each with a c-touch), 2 large open areas, a library area, a general purpose room, a nurture area, a large gym hall and separate dining area. Our playground consists of a generous tarmacadam area, an adventure area, a basketball court, a climbing wall, a trim trail and a large astro turf pitch.

Our Nursery has a flexible registration with the Care Inspectorate for children aged 2-5 years and is situated in 1 classroom within the school and a large portacabin within school grounds. We offer 1140 hours of quality childcare and education for every child.

The school is part of Holy Cross High School Learning Community. The Learning Community has developed very positive working relationships and works collaboratively to develop a shared vision for change and improvement which is meaningful and relevant to the schools involved.

At St John the Baptist Primary we work in partnership with parents and partners and aim to make school a happy, supportive place where children will have a broad general education which will support them in developing their values and beliefs and enable them to:

- achieve the highest possible levels of literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing;
- develop skills for learning, life and work;
- develop knowledge and understanding of society, the world and Scotland's place in it;
- experience challenge and success so that they can develop well-informed views and act responsibly;
- adopt an active and healthy lifestyle and be equipped with the skills needed for planning future lives and careers.

We strive to develop and maintain strong parental partnerships and links with the local community in order to support each child to reach their full potential both emotionally and academically and look forward to celebrating the many successes your child will achieve in our school.

Our vision is:

Together We SHINE



Successful Hardworking Inclusive Nurturing Excellent

Nursery Strategic Priority Improvement Planning and Standards and Quality Reporting for 2023/2024

NIF Priority Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education <u>NIF Driver</u> School and ELC leadership School and ELC improvement	<u>SLC Priority</u> Improve Health and Wellbeing to enable children and families to flourish Provide a rich and stimulating curriculum that helps raise standards in literacy and numeracy		HGIOELC QIS 1.1 Self Evaluation for self-improvemen 1.2 Leadership of learning 1.3 Leadership of change	nt
Rationale for strategic priority	Outcome (Intended impact)	Operational activity	Measures	Schoo Lead
1.Nursery extension still in place with another changeover of staff planned and new staff appointed temporarily over the session.	1. Throughout the school session all staff will continue to evaluate and risk assess to ensure optimum collaboration and flexibility to maximise learning opportunities for all pupils across both localities.	1. Whole staff participation in collaborative sessions Regular risk assessing and evaluations of the environment	1. Risk Assessments, evaluations, and minutes from meetings which record professional dialogue	TL
 Continue successful distributive leadership to positively impact nursery community. 	 By June 2024 all staff will have demonstrated their Distributive Leadership roles to colleagues, parents and the school community at Showcases of Learning e.g. during themed weeks. 	2. All staff will participate in parental engagement activities according to their Distributive Leadership role	2. Learning Journals, Twitter notifications, parental and staff evaluations	TL
 Staff Team will be change in order to accommodate the opening of the new Nursery. 	3. Throughout the session all staff will continue their individual professional learning journeys to develop the changing team to ensure a wide range of knowledge, skills and abilities can be drawn upon to meet the ongoing needs of pupils.	3. All staff will participate in professional learning opportunities	3. PDR evidence, professional dialogue at meetings	TL
 Initial observations and evaluations indicate that planning in the moment and slow pedagogy is benefiting nursery pupils. 	4.By June 2024, after regular monitoring and evaluation most staff will be skilled in planning for the moment and slow pedagogy.	4. All staff will participate in enquiry based learning and self evaluation activities	4. Course notes, minutes from meetings, Learning Journals, Tracking and Monitoring evidence	TL
	Progress and Impact		Next Step(s) and rationale to inform SIP for 20 establishment maintenance agenda	
staffing changes, the environment in be views, and to prepare for transition, so with new setting. No significant risks / a identified areas of their own practice to evidenced in Nursery setting, activities	now/ Eco week and Health weeks organised with	are settled and happy. In response to parent in and garden to help them become familiar ar. All staff engage in the PRD process and eing developed effectively with the children as	To use the Space to Grow and Thrive documentation and develop Nursery Cabin and gase area as numbers increase with the closure of classroom. To develop staff confidence in using new Starkers across Early Level. To ensure activities provide both support ar	arden of nursery LC

Observations from moderation and monitoring of activities shows coverage of Es and Os through planning in the moment. Individual	To develop quality improvement / moderation
and Group tracking is used consistently, with almost all pupils making good progress. Individual needs are met through STINT / ASP	calendar.
where required.	

Primary Strategic Priority 1 Improvement Planning and Standards and Quality Reporting for 2023/2024

NIF Priority Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people <u>NIF Driver</u> Teacher and practitioner professionalism Curriculum and assessment	<u>SLC Priority</u> Provide a rich and stimulating curriculum that helps raise standards in literacy and numeracy	<u>SLC Stretch Aims</u> ACEL Primary – literacy – P1, P4 & P7 combined ACEL Primary – numeracy – P1, P4 & P7 combined		HGIOS?4 QIs 2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment 2.2 Curriculum 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement	
Rationale for strategic priority	Outcome (Intended impact)	Operational activity		Measures	School Lead
Information from Quality Assurance measures including classroom observations and jotter monitoring indicate that the majority of classes are providing appropriate differentiation.	 By December 2023 all staff have enhanced understanding of how to differentiate through content, process, product and environment in Numeracy and Literacy. By June 2024 all staff have increased their use of data to identify, plan and implement appropriate differentiation to raise attainment. By June 2024 most staff will be skilled in participating in meaningful tracking conversations and professional dialogue with peers that provides support and challenge. 	Whole School IOS participation involving professional reading and working in Trios Development of the use of data at class level Use of Fact, Story, Action approach to Tracking and Monitoring dialogue All staff to participate in trio visits and professional learning	1. 2. 3.	Classroom observations and jotter monitoring Class data overviews Professional dialogue at termly Tracking and Monitoring Meetings	HT & DHTs DHTs
	Progress and Impa	act		Next Step(s) and rationale to SIP for 2024/2025 or establis	
				maintenance agenda	
e e	on, based on school data and SLT observations, wi ffective practice that would be the focus for this ses	c	cular	To develop metacognition within lessons activities.	s and

Evidence gathered through monitoring, SLT visits, HMI and IOS Trios, showed differentiation evident in the majority of lessons. Further	Staff will continue to use Fact, Story Action to
work is required to ensure this is evident in all classes, and that there is appropriate pave and challenge in lessons. All staff have	inform planning, teaching and learning
participated in CLPL around Metacognition with a particular focus on the Retrieval Process, Jigsaw Approach and The Learning Pit. CAT	approaches.
sessions showed positive collaboration between staff and pre / post staff questionnaires confirmed that all staff felt they had increased	
confidence and knowledge in this area. 'A minority of teachers need to increase the pace and challenge within lessons. Teachers'	BGE Tracking and Monitoring Tool to be used to
adoption of IOS methodology at the end of last session has increased professional dialogue about learning and teaching. Teachers'	support Fact, Story, Action approach to Tracking
experience of working with the programme is also beginning to improve consistency across the school.' - HMI	and Monitoring meetings. Actions agreed in
	meetings will be evident in classroom
All staff participated in tracking meetings using Fact, Story Action and all staff can speak more confidently about their own class	observations.
configuration and data as evidenced though professional dialogue. In November, HT and DHT attended SLC training on BGE Tracking	
and Monitoring Tool and have used this effectively to confirm / support accurate class and school data. This will be continued next	Based on HMI observations, jotter monitoring and
session and beyond to support robust and reliable use of data to inform planning, teaching and learning. 'Teachers' participation in the	trio observations, LI / SC and feedback will be a
IOS professional learning initiative enables them to carefully analyse their class data and plan children's next steps in learning well.	focus for development next session.
Teachers are growing in confidence using the effective 'fact, story, action' approach to identifying the learning needs of individual	
children.' - HMI	
All staff participated in Trio visits, peer dialogue sessions (after class observations), and completed IOS feedback for their colleagues.	
Data collated from staff feedback identified strengths and areas for development in several areas of highly effective practice. LI and SC	
featured heavily on both. This showed an increased staff awareness of the importance of LI and SC however staff also showed an	
understanding that it could be used more effectively (e.g. co-creation of SC). Feedback was not identified as either a strength or an area	
for development. This alongside SLT and HMI observations confirms that feedback and the impact of feedback on future learning needs	
further development	
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Primary Strategic Priority 2 Improvement Planning and Standards and Quality Reporting for 2023/2024

For	Formally introduce a Play Based Learning Pedagogy in Primary 1 and Increase outdoor learning opportunities for all pupils in a variety of contexts.						
NIF Priority	SLC Priority	SLC Stretch Aims	HGIOS?4 QIs				
Improvement in attainment,	Provide a rich and stimulating curriculum that		1.3 Leadership of change				
particularly in literacy and	helps raise standards in literacy and numeracy	ACEL Primary – literacy – P1, P4 & P7 combined	2.2 Curriculum				
numeracy.		ACEL Primary – numeracy – P1, P4 & P7	2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment				
NIF Driver	Support children and young people to develop	combined					
Teacher and practitioner	their skills for learning, life and work						
professionalism							
Curriculum and assessment							
Rationale for strategic	Outcome (Intended impact)	Operational activity	Measures	School			
priority				Lead			

Build on staff professional learning and formally Introduce a Play Based Learning Pedagogy in P1.	 By October 2023 all P1 staff will have an enhanced understanding of Play Based Learning Pedagogy 	 Professional reading and learning associated with play based learning, engagement in SLC network. Planning and assessment of play activities. 	1. Effective play based activities which are differentiated to meet the learning needs of all P1 pupils
Increase outdoor learning opportunities for all pupils in a variety of contexts.	 By January 2024 all staff will have an increased understanding of outdoor learning 	 Whole staff professional learning activities associated with outdoor learning. One teacher to model outdoor learning lessons to share good practice. 	2. Effective outdoor learning activities which HT & C meet the learning needs of all pupils
	Progress and Impact		Next Step(s) and rationale to inform SIP for 2024/20
			or establishment maintenance agenda
also carried out during the ye classroom to support learner	ear to support teacher professional development. S	setting showed overall, a high level of pupil engagen	Change of staffing in Primary 1 will require further
Differentiated tasks / outcome more fully embedded. Attainr identification of concerns and Whilst most children are on the appropriate progress / challed	r early of organisational structures within the classroom. With the removal of the Nursery classroom, there will be more natural opportunities for outdoor		
All classes undertook activitie A staff information file with su begin to take this on indepen and work as a team to set an	high. hey area rt to Pupil observations will be introduced to ensure attainment and achievement of pupils remains high.		
work embed outdoor learning at the early stages of develop and social skills. The school's development of outdoor learn use of the outdoors will mean	vity of outdoor learning therefore, weekly outdoor sessions to be embedded into practice to increase		
Forest Schools sessions with		dults. A small group of targeted children also undertonal factors meant that this was reduced from 4 sessions and factors meant that this was reduced from 4 sessions and the set of the second s	

Learning Community Strategic Priority Improvement Planning and Standards and Quality Reporting for 2023/2024

NIF Priority Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education <u>NIF Driver</u> School and ELC leadership School and ELC improvement	SLC Priority Ensure inclusion and equality are at the heart of what we do	<u>SLC Stretch Aims</u> Cost of the School Day		HGIOS?4 QIs 1.1 Self-evaluation for self-improvement 1.5 Management of resources to promote equ 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusio	
Rationale for strategic priority	Outcome	Operational activity		Intended impact (measures)	School Lead
 Agreed priority at LC level. Highlighted by Pupil Leadership Team as part of How Good is OUR School Self evaluation evidence from session 2022/23 	The promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures.	 Pupil led assembly to share amount of nationalities with the school to raise awareness Promotion of different languages spoken with the school during Languages Week Scotland 2024. Invite parents to participate and lead Primary 7 pupils in The Holy Cross Learning Community will study the novel 'Planet Omar' by Zanib Mian to raise awareness of diversity and promote discussion Audit of minority groups on Parent Council. Encourage involvement of minority groups on Parent Council Audit of minority representation in books in school/class. Purchase appropriate books to promote representation Purchase whole class HWB diversity books to promote representation and encourage discussion 	and a Final awar • SPAI awar learn	eline staff questionnaire to gauge awareness audit practice of Race Equality (August 2023) questionnaire May 2024 will show a raised eness from baseline results RKS session to form a baseline of pupil reness of Race Equality (August 2023) Final er conversation May 2024 will show a raised reness from baseline results	HT
	Progress and Impact			Next Step(s) and rationale to inform SIP fo or establishment maintenance age	
was led by pupils with an EA differences which may inadv 'The recently formed Conver differing heritages and "origin This was very successful wit feedback about how this may heritage with the group and f	ed to move away from showcase assemblies /even L background and allowed them to share their cultu ertently make pupils feel excluded. <i>rsation Club promotes inclusion and fosters children</i> <i>n stories".' – HMI</i> h parents reporting a very positive impact on pupils de them feel. All pupils participated fully and shared riends. All pupils requested that this be continued n on the SLC Attachment Sway.	and families. All pupils involved gave verbal positive with their friends each requesting time to share the	ave ve eir	Audit of pupils to gather data on new text their impact on pupils. Continue to broad of diverse texts in school and class librar Planet Omar to be read by P5, Compass Classroom used in P6 and Racial Literad resources to be used in P7 as part of Lea Community work to ensure the voice of a is reflected and heard and to develop cro working. Opportunities to share this learn explored.	len range ies. sionate cy online arning all children oss-school

Due to external events, Planet Omar was not read by P7. This text will be used next year for Primary 5 pupils as part of Learning Community joint working.	Attachment Accreditation and RRSA will also be undertaken to support pupil and staff to develop equality, equity and inclusion.
Feedback from the Pupil Leadership Group and Conversation Club led to the identification of diverse texts for the school library. Pupils were responsible for identifying, purchasing and adding these to the library. These books are incorporated into the body of the library for all pupils to use and are not identified or singled out in any way to support the development of a broader variety of texts as being part of core reading materials within school library provides an appropriately diverse range of books.' - HMI	

PEF Improvement Planning and Standards and Quality Reporting for 2023/24

	<u>SLC Stretch Aims</u> ACEL Primary – literacy – P1, P4 & P7 combined ACEL Primary – numeracy – P1, P4 & P7 combined Cost of the School Day						
Rationale for PEF / PB Spend	Allocation of PEF / PB spend	Outcome (Intended impact)	Operational activity	Measures	Mid year review	End of year review	
					RAG	RAG	
*Employ a Barnardo's Worker for 0.2 as some families requiring support have limited engagement with the school and are reluctant to work with social work agencies	£9000	*By June 2024 almost all families will have increased engagement with school	*Worker will work with pupils in school to support their Health and Wellbeing *Worker will work with families at home to support parental Health and Wellbeing *Worker will work with pupils and families during school holidays	*Improved attendance of all identified pupils *Better attendance at parental engagement activities including Parents' Evenings *Improved Health and Wellbeing for pupils and families			
*PB Consultations still taking place	£864	To reduce the cost of curricular excursions					
*Purchase play resources to support pupils in the transition between Nursery and P1	£3500	*By September 2023 all pupils will have experienced a smooth transition from Nursery to P1 and be confident in their play in a classroom setting	*Fully introduce play based learning into P1 with differentiated task and activities which will suit the learning needs of all pupils	*Positive Primary and Support Staff observations and evaluations *Assessment data confirms teacher professional judgement that all pupils are learning to capacity			
*Increase number of staff trained in Catch Up Numeracy and purchase additional resources	£500	*Increase the number of staff trained in Catch Up Numeracy to provide more intervention groups to pupils	*Provide staff with time for training *Provide newly trained staff with the opportunity to be mentored by experienced staff	*Data will indicate that for most identified pupils on Catch up Numeracy the gap between their chronological age and their numeracy age will have narrowed.			

*Increase number of staff trained in Catch Up Literacy and purchase additional resources	£2000	*Increase the number of staff trained in Catch Up Literacy to provide more intervention groups to pupils	*Provide staff with time for training *Provide newly trained staff with the opportunity to be mentored by exper staff	*Data will indicate that for most identified pupils on Catch up Literacy the gap between their chronological age and their literacy age will have narrowed.
	TOTAL SPEND (incl carry forward) £15,874			
	Pi	rogress and Impact		Next Step(s) and rationale to inform PEF spend session 2024/2025.
family support during holida them. Additional supports of supported financial challeng of school with targeted pup Access to families at home	ays. All families referred have over Christmas and holiday p ges. One individual pupil's h il consistently identifying sch has enabled very positive re de as a result – all providing	eted families, providing support during t e opted to remained engaged showing eriods have been very well-received wi ealth and wellbeing and safety has also ool and adults within it as a safe and pu lationships to be built up and onward re further supports to the families concern	that the service is supporting ith all families reporting this o been supported in and outside rotective factor in their lives. eferrals to other agencies e.g.	Barnardo's worker will remain involved in the school and support targeted families. Additional measures of impact will be requested to evidence supports for health and wellbeing (£9000) Play will continue to be developed further in Primary 1 with monies being used to support resources and home learning (£2000)
all children from these famil An additional member of sta participated up Catch up Lit who have participated up C The full amount of money d support Literacy and Nume £890 was spent on resourc	lies attended excursions and aff has been trained in Catch teracy have narrowed the ga atch up Numeracy have narro ledicated to Catch up was no racy in addition to existing re es to ensure that all pupils has r learning fully. Primary 1 edu	ing residential excursions supported ta no one missed out on these opportuni Up Literacy and Catch Up Numeracy. p between their chronological age and rowed the gap between their chronolog ot spent on this and instead, a portion of sources. ad access to the same resources in scl ucational packs were well received by p	ties due to financial challenges. 60% pupils who have their Literacy age. 100% pupils ical age and their Maths age. If it was used to purchase IDL to hool and at home which would	Cost of the School Day will be taken into account when considering all excursions and PEF used to offset this to ensure zero cost. FME pupils will not pay for the P7 residential (£4000) IDL subscriptions purchased to support Literacy and Numeracy, through digital technologies alongside Maths Recovery (£1500). £1000 PB to be allocated.

Maintenance Agenda

Key actions	Relevant stakeholder involvement	Timeline for completion
Nursery		
Staff will continue with their professional learning to ensure that they keep up to date with ongoing developments in early learning and childcare. To ensure smooth transition back to single setting establishment.	Staff, parents and carers, partner agencies	June 2025

Primary		
To work towards 100% of staff being trained in Maths Recovery and this approach being used to support teaching and learning in Numeracy. To use Healthy Schools Programme as part of our Health and Wellbeing Programme. To develop tracking and monitoring of pupil achievements in and outside of school. Continue to evaluate pupil involvement using How Good is OUR School and provide an increasing range of pupil leadership opportunities. To build further opportunities for parents to support self-evaluation of school priories.	Pupils, staff, parents and carers, partner agencies	June 2025
Learning Community		
Continue on our Catholic Mission to enhance the wellbeing, equality and inclusion of pupils.	Pupils, staff, parents and carers, Learning Community	June 2025
Planning for Equity		
Continue to monitor all pupil attendance and support any pupil who is a cause for concern. To develop individualised, targeted support in Literacy and Numeracy through effective deployment of support staff. To identify TIG and ensure focussed, timely interventions to raise attainment and close the poverty related attainment gap.	Pupils, staff, parents and carers, partner agencies	June 2025