

Framework for School Improvement Planning 2025/26

Section 1: School Information and 3 Year Improvement Plan Priorities			
School/Establishment BALDERNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL			
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School Statement: Vision, Values & Aims and Curriculum Rationale

Include links to these documents.





	Looking Forwards – 3 Year Improvement Plan Priorities Bullet point key priorities for the next 3 years		
Session	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Priority 1	RAISING ATTAINMENT IN LITERACY	RAISING ATTAINMENT IN LITERACY	RAISING ATTAINMENT IN NUMERACY
Priority 2	INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (IDL)	PLANNING	PLANNING
Priority 3	WELLBEING	WELLBEING	WELLBEING



Section 2: Improvement Priority 1				
School/Establishment	BALDERNOCK PRIMARY			
Improvement Priority 1 RAISING ATTAINMENT IN LITERACY				
Person(s) Responsible	Who will be leading the improvement? Who will they collaborate with?			
Literacy Champion/Class Teachers School community				

NIF Priority	NIF Driver	HGIOS 4 QIs	EDC Service Plan 2025-28
Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy. Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children	school improvement curriculum and assessment teacher professionalism	QI 1.1 Self evaluation for self improvement QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching & Assessment QI 3.2 Raising attainment and achievement	Improvement in attainment in literacy and English Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged Placing the human needs and rights of every child and young person at the centre of education

Opportunities for Leadership	Resource Requirements	Parental Engagement and Involvement
Leadership roles for staff	Reading Schools Programme/Scottish	Reading Schools initiatives
Committee roles for pupils	Book Trust resources	Bookbug/Read, Write, Count bags
Leadership roles for school community	Book Bite Blether	Parent surveys
	Collegiate Calendar/In Service	Class newsletters
		Volunteers



Professional Learning	Interventions for Equity	Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) Allocation
Continue to engage with Reading	Book Swap and Share/Birthday books	N/A
Schools Programme	Community lending library	
Scottish Book Trust training	Differentiated support	
New Infant comprehension material	Early intervention and prevention	
Staff training for Mandarin culture and	Targeted approaches to literacy	
language programme		

Outcomes/Expected Impact	Tasks/Interventions	Measures	Timescale(s)	Progress
Outcomes for learners; targets; % change	Activities in Working Time Agreement, Professional Learning Learning and Teaching interventions	What ongoing information will demonstrate progress? Identify qualitative, quantitative, evaluative pre and post measures	What are the key dates for implementation? When will outcomes be measured?	
Raising Attainment in	Staff training to update	Pre and post	Dec 25	
Literacy ➤ Learners' attainment in	approaches to the delivery of listening and talking skills across the curriculum.	questionnaires for staff Professional discussions		
listening and talking will have improved and they will be able	Purchase resources to support listening and talking programme.	SLT monitoring Staff discussions Peer observations	Feb 26	
to apply these skills across the curriculum.	Evaluate literacy planners	Staff discussions, moderation and feedback SLT monitoring	Oct 25	
Learners' attainment in reading	Achieve Gold Reading Schools Award to further improve reading skills at all stages	Gold Award achieved	Oct 25	
comprehension will have improved	Update and implement new comprehension resources	SLT monitoring Staff discussions	May 26	



applying skills to a		Pupil questionnaires	
variety of texts.	Refresh French programme	Professional discussions	May 26
Learners will	from P1-7 with a focus on	Pre and post pupil survey	
broaden their	developing vocabulary through		
horizons as they	books.		
explore languages	Engage with Douglas Academy	Professional discussions	May 26
and associated	cluster colleagues to deliver a	across sectors	
cultures.	block of Mandarin language and	Pre and post staff survey	
	culture at P5-7.	Pre and post pupil survey	
	Engage with Douglas Academy	Professional discussions	May 26
	cluster colleagues to deliver a		
	block of Spanish language and		
	culture at P5-7.		



Section 2: Improvement Priority 2			
School/Establishment	BALDERNOCK PRIMARY		
Improvement Priority 2	INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING (IDL)		
Person(s) Responsible	Who will be leading the improvement? Who will they collaborate with?		
	STEM Champion School Community		

NIF Priority	NIF Driver	HGIOS 4 QIs	EDC Service Plan 2025-28
Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre Improvement in skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for all	school leadership school improvement teacher professionalism	QI 1.3 Leadership of Change Q! 3.3 Increasing creativity and employability	Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people Improvement in attainment in numeracy and Maths

Opportunities for Leadership	Resource Requirements	Parental Engagement and Involvement
Leadership roles for staff- Young STEM Leader trainer, STEM Champion Leadership roles for pupils- Young STEM Leaders, committee roles	School science programme RAiSE planners Skills Development Scotland Meta Skills Framework Collegiate Calendar /In Service SCILT resources	Numeracy and Maths workshops



Professional Learning	Interventions for Equity	Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) Allocation
Skills Development Scotland Meta-skills	All pupils included	N/A
Training- all teaching staff	Resources adapted to meet the needs of	
SCILT resources	all	

Outcomes/Expected	Tasks/Interventions	Measures	Timescale(s)	Progress
Impact				
Outcomes for learners; targets; % change	Activities in Working Time Agreement, Professional Learning Learning and Teaching interventions	What ongoing information will demonstrate progress? Identify qualitative, quantitative, evaluative pre	What are the key dates for implementation?	
		and post measures	When will outcomes be measured?	
To raise attainment	Staff to undertake Skills	Pre and post questionnaires	Sep 25	
through an IDL approach	Development Scotland	for staff		
Develop an	training in the use of meta	Professional discussions		
understanding of	skills.			
meta skills for pupils	Implement meta skills	SLT monitoring	May 26	
at all stages	framework in each class.	Professional discussions		
Updated school	Evaluate IDL planner	SLT monitoring	May 26	
science programme	·	Staff feedback		
Updated school	Pilot new science	SLT monitoring	May 26	
social studies	programme	Staff moderation and feedback		
programme	Staff and pupils to complete	Completion of updated	May 26	
Increased family	audit of school social	programme		
learning	studies programme	. 5		



opportunities to support pupils at home	Evaluate numeracy planners	Staff discussions, moderation and feedback SLT monitoring	Feb 26	
	Parental workshop to support the development of numeracy and maths skills across all stages	Evaluations of workshops pre and post-delivery and measure impact at the end of 25.26	Nov 25	

Section 2: Improvement Priority 3			
School/Establishment	BALDERNOCK PRIMARY		
Improvement Priority 3	WELLBEING		
Person(s) Responsible	Who will be leading the improvement? Who will they collaborate with?		
	SLT/Rights Respecting Schools Lead/CIRCLE Advisor		

NIF Priority	NIF Driver	HGIOS 4 QIs	EDC Service Plan 2025-28
Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre	school leadership school improvement	QI 3.1 Wellbeing, equality & inclusion QI 2.7 Partnerships	Improvement in children and young people's mental health and wellbeing Placing the human needs and rights of every child and young person at the centre of education



Opportunities for Leadership	Resource Requirements	Parental Engagement and Involvement
Leadership roles for staff – Rights	Rights Respecting Schools Gold	Parent Council
Respecting Schools Lead	Award	Parental surveys
Leadership roles for pupils – Rights	Requirements	Volunteers
Respecting Schools Committee	The CIRCLE – participation scale	
Pupil Council/Pupil Forum	HIGIOS 4, HIGIOURS	
Join in Award Scheme (JAS) completed by	Collegiate Calendar	
P6	In Service	
Houses	Partners – Outdoor Education	
Professional Learning	Interventions for Equity	Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) Allocation
The CIRCLE – Participation scale	All P6 to complete award	N/A
Join in Award Scheme	Consistencies across school to ensure	
	an inclusive supportive environment	
	for all.	

Outcomes/Expected	Tasks/Interventions	Measures	Timescale(s)	Progress
Impact				
Outcomes for learners; targets; % change	Activities in Working Time Agreement, Professional Learning Learning and Teaching interventions	What ongoing information will demonstrate progress? Identify qualitative, quantitative, evaluative pre and post measures	What are the key dates for implementation? When will outcomes be measured?	
To create an inclusive learning environment to ensure raised attainment,	Staff training on CIRCLE Framework at August In Service, specifically Participation Scale	Staff feedback from last session's work to inform a CIRCLE action plan for this session.	Aug 25	



achievement and equity for all. Teachers will support improved	CIRCLE advisor to attend PLC sessions throughout the year and feed back to staff	Staff pre and post training assessment of knowledge and skills.	June 26
participation of individual learners through analysis of Participation Scale(CPS) Improved implementation of personalised support	Staff use CPS to identify individual learners' strengths and areas for development	Completion of pre and post participation scale through a case study approach.	Aug 25 and May 26
To ensure children's rights and pupil voice are evident in all aspects of school life and beyond.	Develop and implement action plan for Gold Rights Respecting Award	Action Plan accepted Progress through targets Evidence gathered	Oct 25 May 26
	Pupil Council/Pupil Forum to develop a child friendly School Improvement Plan(SIP)	Completion of child-friendly SIP	Oct 25
	Pupil views to be gathered for session 26.27 SIP	Pupil questionnaires	Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26
P6 pupils will further develop leadership skills	P6 pupils to complete JAS Award	Completion of award	Sep 25