



Renfrewshire Council Children's Services

Saint Benedict's High

Improvement Plan

2022-2023

Planning framework

As part of Children's Services, St Benedict's High School 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

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

Our Vision

- St Benedict's is a community where:
- All young people feel valued and included.
- The achievements of our young people are recognised and celebrated.
- Everyone is treated with respect and the values of the Gospel are evident every day.
- We share high aspirations for all of our young people.

Our Values

The values that support our vision and aims are

- Respect
- Love
- Trust
- Tolerance
- Integrity

Our Aims

- To put faith into action to support everyone in our wider community and beyond.
- To fully develop the talents of all members of our community spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially and physically.
- To provide a safe, caring, inclusive and nurturing environment where everyone feels valued.
- To provide our young people with the highest possible standards of learning and teaching.
- To maximise the attainment and achievement of our young people.
- To work in close partnership with parents, the Church and the wider community.
- To ensure all our young people progress into positive and sustained destinations.

In developing this plan, we sought the views of parents, pupils and staff. We also used a variety of methods of getting the views of those who are involved in the life and work of St Benedict's High School such as staff meetings, pupil focus groups, parent council meetings.



Who did we consult?

To identify our priorities for improvement, we sought the views of staff, pupils, parents and partners. We used a variety of methods of getting the views of those who are involved in the life and work of St Benedict's High School such as :

- Senior Leadership Team: Head Teacher consults with Depute Head Teachers and Education Support Manager on strategic school planning through the weekly Senior Leadership Team meeting and through regular formal and informal individual meetings.
- Extended Leadership Team: The Head Teacher and Depute Head Teachers meet with the Faculty Heads regularly throughout the session to consult and discuss school administration, strategic planning and improvement planning.
- Senior Leadership and Faculty Head meetings: individual faculty meetings take place regularly throughout the session to discuss Learning and Teaching, Attainment, Improvement Planning, Curriculum for Excellence, Quality Assurance, Behaviour Management and Staff Development.
- Faculty Meetings: Faculty Heads meet with their staff regularly through department meetings to discuss learning and teaching, administration, performance management, behaviour management, strategic departmental planning and improvement planning.
- Extended Support Team: support staff; covering guidance, learning support, behaviour support and external agencies are consulted on the management and agreed provision of support for learners through the extended support team procedures.
- Staff Collegiate Working Groups and Committees: opportunities for shared responsibilities and distributed leadership are available to all staff through the school collegiate working groups.
- Staff Union Meetings: Head teacher meets with representatives from the professional associations on a termly basis.
- Staff Focus Group: Scheduled meetings throughout the school year with staff to discuss specific issues relating to the school.
- Parent Council: the council regularly meets to discuss national, council and school issues and to hear the Head Teacher's report on school developments, improvements and successes.
- **Pupil Councils:** elected learners represent the junior and senior schools through their pupil councils and work with staff on issues of importance to our young people.
- **Pupil Focus Groups:** SLT will meet learners formally and informally to discuss issues relating directly to learner experiences, learning and teaching and school improvement.
- Parents: In-school surveys and consultations. Information evenings.
- Learners: Whole school and individual department/faculty surveys through departments.
- Stakeholders: We work in partnership with a range of agencies, both in and out with the school.

All information gathered is collated and used to assist us to identify next steps and areas for improvement.



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:

- Scheduled one : one meetings between HT and FHs.
- Interim written feedback reporting on progress.
- Minutes of meetings, including SLT; ELT and departmental meetings.
- Data from tracking and monitoring, INSIGHT data and SSNA data.
- Pupil evaluations and questionnaires.
- Focus groups including pupils, staff and partners.
- Classroom visits/learning walks/ departmental reviews

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

Improvement Priority 1 :	Develop high quality learning and teach	ing that leads to improved leve	ls of attainment	and achievement		
HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs				NIF DriversSchool LeadershipAssessment of Children's progress		
1.2; 2.3; 3.2	Improvement in children's and young people's health and wellbeing		Teacher Professio			
	young people		Parental Engagen	nent Performance Information		
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Intervention		Measures		
	ELT will be more confident/ skilled at providing effective feedback following classroom observations. (by June 2023)	CLPL focussed on developing capacity within effective classroom practice and support im colleagues' practice. (PEF) (Aug – Dec 22)	•	Records from classroom observations (SLT and peer) will capture evidence to support increased pace and challenge, and more effective differentiation.		
	All staff will have an increased understanding of the features of a highly effective lesson and the quality of learning and teaching will be consistently high across all			Greater differentiation of resources will be evident from course plans and in classroom observations.		
	curricular areas for all pupils.	workshops.		Professional dialogue and minutes from DMs will capture evidence of good practice.		
Classroom observations, departmental reviews, pupil voice and work, illustrate that whilst effective practice is demonstrated in most lessons not all learning and teaching is of a consistently high standard.	start will have an increased understanding of AirL strategies. A continued focus on differentiation and effective questioning/ feedback will ensure improved pace and challenge and result in increased levels of attainment for all.	 Firstive questioning/ feedback will ensure improved pace d challenge and result in increased levels of attainment rall. ung people will experience a greater consistency in the ality of learning and teaching. This will lead to greater gagement of pupils in their learning and increase in tainment. A whole school focus on a more effective use of differentiation and effective questioning techniques / feedback. This will support next steps in learning and provide quality feedback to learners. Curriculum plans updated to reflect this focus. 		Classroom visits, discussion at DMs and evidence gathered from staff questionnaires before and after CLPL will provide evidence of effective questioning and improved feedback to learners.		
	Young people will experience a greater consistency in the quality of learning and teaching. This will lead to greater engagement of pupils in their learning and increase in			Pupil voice (questionnaires/focus groups), classroom observations, DM minutes will evidence the impact of CLPL.		
	attainment. All young people will be more actively involved in their			Evidence gathered from pupil voice (questionnaires and focus groups) will highlight the impact of this intervention on pupil engagement and confidence in evaluating the		
	Air young people will be incle actively involved in theirlearning journey and clearer in their personal targets for improvement. They will use ICT as an effective tool to develop greater independence in their learning.A whole school focus on more effective use of ICT (MS TEAMS/ Clickview / Satchel one) to enhance the learning experience. (PEF – PL) £1500		· · ·	quality of their learning journey – this will be evidenced in their participation in learner conversations/mentor meetings.		
		A whole school focus on use of homework a intervention to support learning.	s an effective	Analysis of monthly tracking data show improvements in behaviour/ effort/ homework ratings.		
				Number of referrals/detentions will decrease compared to previous session.		
				Satchel one data will evidence an increase in completion rate for homework set by teachers as per school policy and		

Quality assurance of BGE tracking and reporting highlights inconsistencies across the curriculum in ACEL data and progress within BGE levels.	All teachers will demonstrate a greater consistency in making judgements of progress though BGE levels which is supported by assessment evidence.	Moderation activities developed by PTs/FHs, will be embedded across the BGE. This will include moderation of planning, approaches to teaching and instruments of assessment. Increased analysis of tracking four times a year detailing ACEL and progress within a level for every subject. Learner conversations with class teachers and PCT to focus on next steps to progress through levels.	will be monitored monthly by FHs/SLT with overview provided by Attainment PL. Tracking analysis will show greater consistency in ACEL across subjects which will be reflected in parental reports.
SQA entry data shows an increased number of level changes following the prelim exam diet. This highlights the need for earlier interventions/ appropriate coursing for learners.	All departments will have clear and coherent curricular plans and pathways to map learner journeys from BGE to senior phase. Young people will be coursed at the correct aspiration level of study as they enter the senior phase. This will ensure maximum potential is realised for all learners.	BGE and Senior Phase tracking analysis used to identify pupils at the earliest opportunity who are underperforming or incorrectly coursed. Pupils will be directed to a more appropriate level of study/course to ensure maximum level of attainment.	SQA entries will reflect fewer changes of level / withdrawals following analysis of prelim data. SQA attainment data.

HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs	NIF Priorities			NIF Drivers	
	 Placing the human rights and needs of every child and y Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and needs are set of the set of		School Leadership	Assessment of Children's progress	
1.2; 2.3; 2.6; 3.2	• Closing the attainment gap between the most and least	disadvantaged children	Teacher Profession	alism School Improvement	
	 Improvement in children's and young people's health an Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positi young people 		Parental Engageme	ent Performance Information	
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Intervention		Measures	
Analysis of reading and writing data (ACEL, SNSA) illustrates a decline in levels of attainment at end of P7. This has had a significant impact, leading to a further widening of the attainment gap FME cohort: 48% achieved CFE 2 nd level writing Non FME cohort: 71% achieved CFE 2 nd level writing FME cohort: 68% achieved CFE 2 nd level reading Non FME cohort: 86% achieved CFE 2 nd	Young people will benefit from a more consistent approach to literacy across all areas of the curriculum. (by June 2023) Young people's confidence and attainment in reading and writing skills will improve. This will lead to a greater engagement in learning across curricular areas. (by June 2023) Learners in SIMD 1-3/FME at risk of underachieving will be known to all staff. Appropriate interventions will support improvements in reading and writing. (by Aug 2022)	Appointment of Project Leader Literacy (PEF) £1500 Universal support for all S1 will be developed through an extended Literacy programme. An additional period will be timetabled to address the identified decrease in literacy skills within this cohort. Appointment of 1FTE transition teacher (LA funded) to provide targeted intervention in P7/S1. Further development of our established transition programme, working in partnership with primary colleagues, to ensure a shared understanding of achievement of a level at this crucial point of transition. Young people at greatest risk of underachieving in literacy will be identified using (ACEL /SNSA) data from our associated primary schools. These young people will be known to our transition support teacher in P7.		Measures Pupil evaluations (Microsoft Forms) at three points in S1 will track pupils' confidence in their literacy skills. In house tracking system will gather data at three points in the year. Baseline data will be gathered from the IDL* programme. Assessments at key points will measure improvements in reading and spelling.	
level reading This is impacting rate of progression through BGE and unless addressed will continue to impact on senior phase attainment.		Specific interventions (reading programmer target those learners identified at first level include 1:1 work with individuals and small Learners will be supported by transition tea Literacy (PEF) Close /enhanced tracking of SIMD 1-3/FME Literacy will ensure early interventions whe on key measures such as attendance and he	and below. This will groupwork. acher, PT SfL and PL E by PCT /ISA/PT Data en pupils are off-track		

	ater awareness of literacy as a (RoA) area and this is reflected in son plans	Staff literacy workshops, led by members of the school improvement team, will share a common methodology for approaches to literacy (RoA) at third level. CLPL workshops will develop staff's understanding of literacy benchmarks and national expectations. (PEF - PL)	Samples of young peoples' work will show a greater understanding of national expectations in Literacy being delivered across curricular areas. Staff evaluation forms.
decrease from 23% to By the end of S1, the ar decrease from 20% to (By end of June 2023) Parental engagement a Parents will therefore l	ttainment gap in reading will	Departments will develop their curricular plans to ensure appropriate literacy outcomes are included. Moderation activities developed by PTs/FHs, will be embedded across the BGE. Literacy workshops will be introduced to develop parental confidence and knowledge on how they can best support learners at home and school. (PEF PL)	Updated curricular plans. Parental evaluation of confidence pre/post workshops.
			* International Dyslexia Learning Solutions

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1.2; 2.3; 2.6; 3.2	 Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children Improvement in children's and young people's health and wellbeing Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people 		School Leadership Teacher Professiona Parental Engagemer	
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Intervention		Measures
Analysis of numeracy data (ACEL, SNSA) illustrates an increasing widening of the attainment gap, particularly from within our most disadvantaged learners (FME/SIMD1-3). P7 data shows that FME cohort 68% achieved CFE 2nd level numeracy Non FME: 81% achieved CFE 2nd level numeracy This is impacting rate of progression through BGE and unless addressed will continue to impact on senior phase attainment.	Young people will benefit from a more consistent approach to numeracy across all areas of the curriculum. (by June 2023) Young people's confidence and attainment in numeracy skills will improve. This will lead to a greater engagement in learning across curricular areas. (by June 2023) Learners in SIMD 1-3/FME at risk of underachieving will be known to all staff. Appropriate interventions will support improvements in numeracy. (by August 2023) By the end of S1, the attainment gap in numeracy will decrease from 13% to 7%. All staff will have a greater awareness of numeracy as a "responsibility for all" area and this is reflected in updated curricular/lesson plans (By end of June 2023)	 Appointment of Project Leader Numeracy (Universal support for all S1 will be developed extended numeracy programme. An additional period (S3) will be timetabled identified decrease in numeracy skills withit Appointment of 1FTE transition teacher (LA to provide targeted intervention in P7/S1. Further development of our established tra- working in partnership with primary colleage shared understanding of achievement of a point of transition. Young people at greatest risk of underachie be identified using (ACEL /SNSA) data from primary schools. These young people will be transition support teacher in P7. Specific interventions (numeracy ready pro those learners identified at first level and b 1:1 work with individuals and small groupw Learners will be supported by transition teac are off-track on key measures such as atter homework. 	to address the in this cohort. funded) nsition programme, ues, to ensure a evel at this crucial ving in numeracy will our associated e known to our gramme) will target elow. This will include ork. (PEF PL) cher and PT SfL. by PCT /ISA/PT ntions when pupils	Numeracy ready' programme will be used to assess haseline data. Assessments at key points will measure mprovements. tudents from SIMD 1- 3/FME have increased attendance ate, attendance at Homework Club, participation in extra urricular clubs. This will be monitored by our extended 'CT (PEF – PL). tupil evaluations (Microsoft Forms) at three points in S1 vill track pupils' confidence in their numeracy skills. In house tracking system will gather data at three points i he year.

(PEF) denotes interventions/activities funded through Pupil Equity Funding

	Staff numeracy workshops, led by members of the school improvement team, will share a common methodology for approaches to numeracy (RoA) at third level.	
	CLPL workshops will develop staff's understanding of numeracy benchmarks and national expectations. (PEF PL)	Staff evaluation forms
	Departments will develop their curricular plans to ensure appropriate numeracy outcomes are included.	Updated curricular plans
	Moderation activities developed by PTs/FHs, will be embedded across the BGE.	Samples of young peoples' work will show a greater understanding of national expectations being delivered across curricular areas.
Parental engagement and confidence will be increased. Parents will therefore be better able to support their young person in all aspects of numeracy within the BGE.	Numeracy workshops will be introduced to develop parental confidence and knowledge on how they can best support learners at home and school. (PEF PL)	Parental evaluation of confidence pre/post workshops.
(By end of September2022)		

HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs	 Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children 		School Leadershi	p Assessment of Children's progress	
3.1, 2.4			Teacher Professio	· · · · ·	
	 Improvement in children's and young people's health an Improvement in employability skills and sustained, posit young people 		Parental Engagen	nent Performance Information	
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Intervention		Measures	
	Staff will continue to work collegiately through RNRA framework to further develop their practice, leading to improvements in attainment and achievement. (June 2023)	Training will be provided on nurture princip This group will cascade and inform the wide	• •	Focus groups /staff evaluations will show that the core group have a greater understanding of core principles and are more able to support colleagues to apply nurture principles within classrooms.	
As a school we are committed to adopting RNRA framework. Our chosen nurture principle "All behaviour is communication" supports the health and wellbeing of our young people with social, emotional and	Young people are able to support and challenge peers (beliefs and attitudes) in a safe and supportive manner. (ongoing) More positive relationship with staff and young people leading to a greater engagement in the curriculum. (ongoing) Leadership capacity is built within our senior students, as well as our cluster primaries. Younger learners will become aware of how to achieve positive resolutions to tense situations and avoid and prevent conflict. (ongoing)	anner.supporting younger pupils to understand the importance of language in de-escalating potentially confrontational situations.beople.m.Senior MVP mentors continue to assist with the whole-school implementation of MVP as appropriate throughout the course of the year. For example, S5 pupils trained in the MVP programme and will assume the role of MVP mentors to our S2 pupils. S6 MVP mentors will introduce the programme into cluster primary schools.s their		Peer mentoring programme is established that allows young people to challenge attitudes and beliefs. Pupil void (focus groups and questionnaires) demonstrate a greater understanding of the impact of their choices.	
behavioural difficulties particularly post Covid.	Young people develop a positive attitude towards their learning and develop resilience resulting in increased attendance and a reduction in exclusions. (ongoing)			Referral system based on Boxall profile with indicators and descriptors will identify young people in greatest need of support. Nurture teacher observations.	
		Partnership working to provide additional s group of S3 learners to improve their attitu (PEF – Guidance tutors x 4 £750, Teachmin	de towards learning.	Staff feedback on progress of targeted pupils Reduction in referrals for behaviour and exclusion (external/internal) to pre covid levels. Pupil voice questionnaire before and after group work.	
	Pupils are active participants in their learning and are aware of their rights and responsibilities. (June 2023)	Embed rights-based education across learn	ing.	Attendance rates increased by at least 5% Achieve Rights Respecting Schools Award – Bronze level	

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3.1, 2.4	 Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children Improvement in children's and young people's health and wellbeing Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people 		School Leadership Teacher Profession Parental Engagen	Assessment of Children's progress onalism School Improvement	
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Pupil/parental voice* and classroom observations highlight the need to provide a more consistent approach to inclusion across the school community.	All staff will have a consistent understanding of the impact of classroom environments on pupil wellbeing. (By September 2022) All pupils will feel nurtured and supported within classrooms. (Ongoing) Consistent routines and structures will support young people to feel safe, secure and included. There will be consistent structures and routines across all departments. Pupil motivation and engagement will increase.	CLPL on Circle Framework delivered to all si Circle Framework will support staff to estab routines across each classroom. Pupil and staff consultation on promoting p will inform our 'refreshed policy'. A cross curricular working group will review relationships' policy to include staff and you and align with the Circle framework.	olish consistent positive relationships v school's 'positive	Staff evaluation before and after CLPL will show the impact of training. Staff will use the Inclusive Classroom scale to rate the inclusivity of the physical environment and adjust their classrooms appropriately. Classroom visits. Pupil voice including PCT 1-1 interviews. Classroom observations and pupil voice will illustrate consistent routines being applied across the school community. Reduction in number of referrals (by 10%) to pupil support base. Relaunch of the refreshed positive behaviour policy. Reduced number of referrals (by 10%) from class teachers. Reduced number of FH/PT sanctions (by 10%) issued.	

HGIOS/HGIOELC QIs	NIF Prio		Ν	IIF Drivers		
2.6;3.2; 3.3	 Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy 		School Leadership		Assessment of Children's progress	
	 Improvement in children's and young people's health an Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positi 	d wellbeing	Teacher Professionalism Parental Engagement		School Improvement Performance Information	
Rationale for change	Outcome and Expected Impact	Intervention			Measures	
We recognise the importance of improving young people's employability skills and ensuring all young people are supported into a positive and sustained destinations.	 Increased pupil and staff awareness of skills for life, learning and work. (Careers standard). Young people will have a greater understanding of the relevance of what they are learning at school and the world of work. (by June 2023) All young people will be more knowledgeable about their future choices. Increased partnerships with local businesses which highlight how skills developed within subjects can be applied to the world of work. (by June 2023) Increased partnerships with local businesses which create opportunities for young people. (by June 2023) Partnership working will help promote and explore opportunities to connect learning to employability. Increase in the number of our young people who enter and are sustained in positive destinations. 3 year average – school 95% authority 95%. Target > 97% 2020/21 - Quintile 1 91% Quintile 5 99%. Target reduce gap by 4%. (by June 2023) Young people develop an improved mindset towards their own achievements. Resilience as well as key employability skills: communication, team work etc. will be developed. These skills will assist learning in other curricular areas, positively impacting on attainment and achievement of this group. (by June 2023) 	BGE/SP courses will be developed to provid learners to develop employability skills. All departments develop new or re-establis DYW key worker, project leader and SDS wi engage Career Education standards in relat area. (PEF) (PL £1500, Key worker – Author DYW key worker and project leader further working / links with SDS and local businesse Duke of Edinburgh award scheme added to for a targeted group of learners	h industry links. Il support staff to ion to their subject ty funded) develop partnership iss. (PEF)	Pupil voice greater und learning at Data will sh transition f Increased r specialists. Questionna to integrate Partnership Increased r experience Positive de sustained i Departmen partnershi All young p Pupil evalui school. Bef	eople complete the bronze award. ations of their attitude towards learning in fore and after. umbers of referrals (Behaviour, timekeeping,	