

\*ALL SCHOOLS HAVE A SEPARATE PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING PLAN TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN AND YOIUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY POVERTY ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. FOCUSSING ON TARGETED IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY IN LITERACY, AND HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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## CONTEXT & FACTORS



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To improve our curriculum offer to ensure children in our learning community have varied and relevant learning experiences which strengthen the four capacities. (UNCRC Articles 12, 13, 28 & 29)

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VALUES



#### WHAT FEATURES OF SCHOOL CONTEXT, LOCAL AUTHORITY FACTORS, AND NATIONAL FACTORS CONNECT TO THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY?

SCHOOL (LEARNERS)	LOCAL AUTHORITY & CLUSTER	NATIONAL
Self reporting data shows that although pupil attainment is good, learners do not always report positively on their achievement.We have identified a need to develop more ways for children to achieve and build their self esteem, confidence and resilience.Using statements across How Good is OUR School (HGIOURS) framework, pupils report that they would like their experiences in school to be more relevant to their lives, own personal targets and interests.Data shows that although the attainment picture is positive, writing is the area of the curriculum with the lowest level of attainment.Image: Standards and QUALITY REPORTStandards And QUALITY REPORT	Cluster Attainment Data & Identified Gaps or Trends Health and Wellbeing Priorities Raising attainment, including closing the gap (West Lothian Raising Attainment Strategy) Corporate Plan Literacy and Numeracy West Lothian Priorities Pedagogy Team Equity Team & Pupil Equity Funding Curriculum: Service Design Tools	<ul> <li>Putting Learners at the Centre: Towards a Future Vision for Scottish Education, The Ken Muir report, March 2022.</li> <li>Scotland's Curriculum Framework</li> <li>OECD – Future of Education and Skills 2030</li> <li>Getting it Right for Every child (GIRFEC) &amp; Support for Learning: All our Children and All their Potential (ASL Review) 2020</li> <li>Achieving Excellence and Equity 2022: National Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan</li> <li>Realising the Ambition</li> <li>UNCRC</li> <li>Developing Scotland's Young Workforce</li> </ul>



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### VISION & VALUES

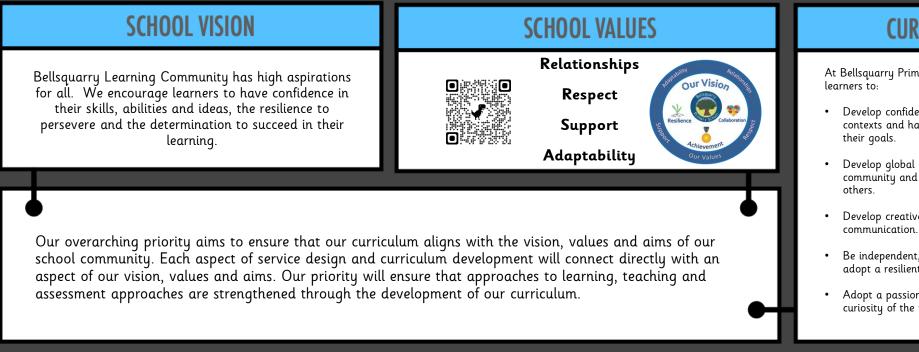


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#### HOW DOES THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY FURTHER THE VISION AND VALUES OF THE SCHOOL?



#### **CURRICULUM RATIONALE**

At Bellsquarry Primary School our curriculum aims to allow our learners to:

- Develop confidence and ability to apply skills across different contexts and have the courage to persevere in order to achieve their goals.
- Develop global citizenship and celebrate diversity in our local community and become compassionate learners who respect others.
- Develop creative solutions through collaboration and effective communication.
- Be independent, critical thinkers who embrace challenges and adopt a resilient attitude.
- Adopt a passion for life-long learning through their natural curiosity of the world.

PROVIDE A BRIEF BLURB CONNECTING THE SCHOOL VISION, VALUES, AND CURRICULUM RATIONALE TO THE IDENTIFIED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY.

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## SUPPORTING PRIORITY: DATA

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#### WHAT DATA HAVE YOU COLLECTED AND ANALYSED THAT SUPPORTS THE FOCUS ON THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY?

DATA ANALYSIS STATEMENT:	TRIANGULATING SOURCES		
DATA ANALISIS STATEMENT:	PEOPLE'S VIEWS	DIRECT OBSERVATION	QUANTITATIVE DATA
There is a need to increase opportunities for children to have more autonomy in their learning. Our or or or or curriculum needs to be better tailored to our unique context.	• Learner Conversations	Class Observations	Pupil and Parent Feedback
We have identified the need to improve learner feedback to improve attainment and achievement.	• Pupils and Parents	Jotter monitoring	Ethos Survey
Our 2022-23 data for the ELC shows that by the end of preschool less children are on track with rhyming and syllables than in other aspects of literacy.	Professional Discussion	Observations of Learning Experiences	ELC Trackers
Our 2022-23 data shows that although attainment in writing had increased this year overall, attainment in writing is lower than in other aspects of literacy, particularly within skills for writing (under 90% across the school).	Learner conversations and Excellence & Equity Discussions.	Jotter monitoring	Attainment Data
We have identified a need to develop more ways for children to have a sense of achievement and build their self esteem, confidence and resilience.	• Pupil & Parent Discussions	No. of HWB Interventions Required	Self Reporting & Pupil and Parent Survey
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PLANNED ACTIONS SHOULD BE SPRINT ACTIONS - ACHIEVABLE WITHIN TERM 1. THESE ACTIONS SHOULD BE EVALUATED AT THE END OF THE TERM 1. TRY NOT TO CARRY TOO MANY INCOMPLETE ACTIONS INTO TERM 2

FUTURE ACTIONS ACTIONS:	PLANNED ACTIONS:	SUCCESS/IMPACT INDICATOR: RAG:
Develop and enhance learning experiences and develop phonological and phonemic awareness in the ELC and play pedagogy in Primary 1.	Use service design tools to audit our curriculum offer.	Almost all learners will agree that they have been consulted in deciding what and how they learn.
Review and analyse the use of and frequency of assessment data to ensure timely interventions as well as appropriate pace and challenge of learning.	2 Deliver training in teaching of writing using PM writing and WL Genre targets with a focus on opportunities to improve core literacy skills e.g. spelling, punctuation & grammar.	Planning methods will demonstrate consistency of teaching and learning in writing across the school.
Develop cyclical holistic assessments and problem solving tasks for first and second level.	Introduce masterclasses to improve personalisation and choice and develop AGILE skills (meta skills) in a meaningful context.	An increased number of learners will report that they have more personalisation and choice and engagement in their learning.
Work with partners to improve and enhance STEM programmes that engage and inspire our learners.	Identify and develop potential partnerships to enhance our curriculum offer through introduction of a new Project Based Learning (PBL) approach to IDL.	Over 85% of children will demonstrate high levels of engagement in their learning during IDL.
Further develop learner feedback processes to improve resilience and self esteem.	5 Develop and enhance learning experiences and develop phonological and phonemic awareness. Review phonics programme in P1 to further improve pace and challenge.	New planning methods will be in place to provide opportunities for children to learn and blend with a higher number of single sounds.
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#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY

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FUTURE ACTIONS ACTIONS:	PLANNED ACTIONS:	SUCCESS/IMPACT INDICATOR: RAG:
Develop and enhance learning environment and approaches to play pedagogy in Primary 1 stages.	Develop strategies and enhance learning experiences to increase pace and challenge in Early level literacy.	By December the pace of learning will have improved in literacy and most P1 children will be to identify most of their single sounds.
Develop cyclical holistic assessments and problem solving tasks for first and second level.	Deliver training in teaching of writing using PM writing and WL Genre targets with a focus on opportunities to improve core literacy skills e.g. spelling, punctuation & grammar.	Planning methods will demonstrate consistency of teaching and learning in writing across the school.
Work with partners to improve and enhance STEM programmes that engage and inspire our learners.	6 Develop consistent approaches to planning across the curriculum to ensure appropriate pace and progression.	During planning meetings, staff will demonstrate confidence in being able to ensure planning provides appropriate support, pace and challenge.
Further develop the correlation between progress and high quality feedback to improve learning, teaching and assessment approaches	Deliver Project Based Learning (PBL) training across the cluster to improve learner experiences and pupil autonomy.	Planning for IDL at all stages will include a driving question and PBL approach to allow pupils to have more autonomy over their learning.
Review IDL approaches to ensure a balance of adult initiated and child initiated projects and learning opportunities.	8 Through pupil leadership opportunities, ensure that pupils have opportunities to share their views and know that their views have been taken seriously.	Our Pupil Leadership Groups and Pupil Voice 'You Said We Did' wall will demonstrate examples of pupil views/ideas being taken forward or considered.
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FUTURE ACTIONS ACTIONS:	PLANNED ACTIONS:	SUCCESS/IMPACT INDICATOR: RAG:
Further explore the diversity of our school: languages spoken, cultures, religions and consider how we should enhance our curriculum to meet the needs of our diverse school community.	Further develop the correlation between progress and high quality feedback to improve learning, teaching and assessment approaches.	<ul> <li>Through learner conversations, identified pupils</li> <li>will be able to share how feedback has improved their learning</li> </ul>
Review outdoor learning approaches to ensure we maximise the opportunities within our unique local context.	Work with partners to improve and enhance Project Based learning and IDL opportunities including Learning for Sustainability.	<ul> <li>Learners at each stage will be able to talk about</li> <li>the 'driving questions' and will demonstrate curiosity and exploration.</li> </ul>
Develop cyclical holistic assessments and problem solving tasks for first and second level.	Review and improve our Skills Academy offer to include Skills for Learning, Life and Work and offer opportunities for pupils to develop leadership skills	We will have an increased number of masterclasses offered and explored masterclasses identified by pupil interests.
Develop processes to provide more opportunities to share and celebrate personal achievements and to capture the skills demonstrated.	Review and analyse the use of and frequency of assessment data to ensure timely interventions as well as appropriate pace and challenge of learning.	<ul> <li>Evaluations of targeted support plans will indicate that progress has been made and almost all pupils have achieved their target as a result of interventions.</li> </ul>
Review IDL approaches to ensure a balance of adult initiated and child initiated projects and learning opportunities.	Develop and enhance learning environment and approaches to play pedagogy looking inward, outward and forward.	Staff will develop an understanding of the importance of environment and play opportunities to improve curiosity and creativity skills.
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FUTURE ACTIONS ACTIONS:	PLANNED ACTIONS:	SUCCESS/IMPACT INDICATOR: RAG:
Developing a consistent approach to target setting.	Review IDL projects across the school to ensure breadth of experiences and outcomes in a variety of curricular areas across a level.	Our learning for sustainability framework will be updated to ensure a balance of experiences and outcomes are explored at each stage.
Further improve profiling processes.	Update RME Programme & Calendar as part of the Citizens SIP working party.	Curriculum offer within RME planning will ensure balance of Christianity and other world religions across all levels.
Review outdoor learning programme to maximise use of our local community for learning.	Ensure learning intentions and success criteria are used effectively to demonstrate intended learning.	Through learning conversations, almost all children will be able to identify what success looks like in their learning.
Continue to develop use of learning intentions and success criteria to improve assessment and target setting.	Increase family learning opportunities – All staff curriculum events and workshops.	Most parents will feel that we provide useful information about our curriculum and teaching and learning approaches.
Build first and second level play strategy using developing knowledge of staff and curiosity rubric.	Develop an Early Level play strategy underpinned by research.	There will be an increase in children demonstrating their curiosity skills through play in P1.
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#### A CURRICULUM EXCELLENCE

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#### HOW DOES THIS SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY SUPPORT THE CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE 4 CAPACITIES?

Achieve success in different areas of activity

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#### LEARNERS:



Enthusiasm and motivation for learning Determination to reach high standards of achievement Openness to new thinking and ideas Use literacy, communication and numeracy skills Use technology for learning Think creatively and independently Learn independently and as part of a group Make reasoned evaluations Link and apply different kinds of learning in new situations

	INDIVIDUALS.		CITIZENUS.
2	Self-respect	3,4	Respect for others
	A sense of physical, mental and emotional well-being		Commitment to participate respons political, economic, social and cultura
	Secure values and beliefs		Develop knowledge and understand the world and Scotland's place in it
2, 5, 6	Ambition		Understand different beliefs and cult
4	Relate to others and manage themselves	3,4	Make informed choices and decisions
	Pursue a healthy and active lifestyle	4	Evaluate environmental, scientifi technological issues
3	Be self-aware	1	Develop informed, ethical views of co issues
	Develop and communicate their own beliefs and view of the world	2	Make reasoned evaluations
1	Assess risk and make informed decisions		
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4	An enterprising attitude
	Resilience
4	Self-reliance
2, 3	Communication in different ways and in different settings
1, 3	Work in partnership and in teams
4	Take the initiative and lead
3	Apply critical thinking in new contexts
2	Create and develop

Solve problems

(IDENTIFY 1.3.4 THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS WHICH WILL STRONGLY IMPACT THE ABILITY OF YOUR CURRICULUM TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER THE 4 CAPACITIES AND ATTRIBUTES)



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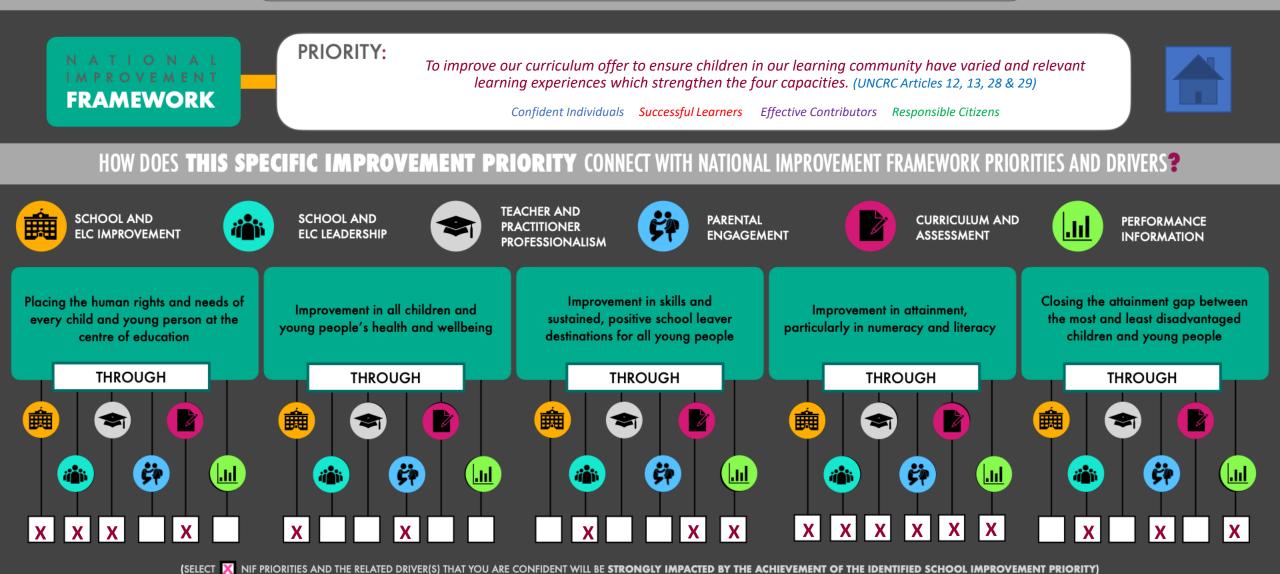
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## **BIGGER** PICTURE

#### WHAT (POSSIBLE) FUTURE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS ARE IMPORTANT TO NOTE?



#### YEAR2

Further develop moderation cycle to identify learning priorities with appropriate pace and challenge.

Develop Building Racial Literacy Guidance for staff.

Expand the use of the Writing Progression and Assessment toolkit to all First and Second Level Pupils.

Develop Early Level Literacy Progression Toolkit to incorporate phonological and phonemic awareness.

Use of data gathered to further develop teaching and learning approaches in Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

Develop Experiential/Play based learning experiences in P2 and P3 and the role of the teacher within this.

Development of rubrics to involve pupils in self assessing and being coached through their progress within meta skills.

#### YEAR3

Review Literacy Strategy in line with Literacy Attainment over time and Audit Literacy/Communication experiences from ELC – P7. Work towards next stage of Reading Schools Accreditation.

Develop a varied experience timetable for pupils which is split into: Structured, Experiential, Collaborative, Independent learning opportunities.

Develop meta skills assessment framework.

Develop partnerships with the world of work through parents and local businesses to enable sustainable curriculum opportunities.

Further develop the use of HGIOURS to include pupil observations of their peers to monitor progress within communication/listening and talking skills.

Work towards achieving gold UNCRC accreditation.

#### YEAR4

Review Numeracy Strategy in line with Numeracy Attainment over time and Audit Numeracy and Mathematics experiences from ELC – P7.

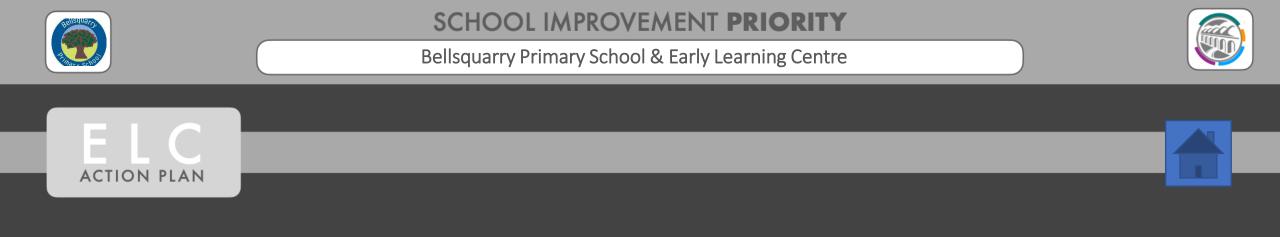
Develop the use of profiles to include progressive transferable skills and the children's ability to talk about these.

Develop a programme of coding and robotics within our STEM curriculum.

Develop pupil led exploration through STEM challenges (play pedagogy, problem solving & adaptability) in the upper school.

*Review Expressive Arts curriculum to ensure opportunities for creativity and clear development of skills.* 

YOU MAY CHOOSE TO INCLUDE PLANNED OR EXTENDED PARTNERSHIPS, KNOWN DEVELOPMENTS AND CONTINUATIONS OF THE CURRENT PRIORITY, AND SPECIFIC AREAS (E.G. CURRICULUM, NIF, UNCRC, ETHOS) IDENTIFIED FOR ATTENTION. ENSURE LEARNER VOICE IS REPRESENTED WITHIN FUTURE PLANS.



ELC settings are a distinct and important part of the school community. ELC settings have a separate Action Plan which details current and planned actions intended to improve the learning and experiences of children accessing this service.

Please follow this link

**ELC Action Plan** 

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to view our ELC Action Plan.





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PUPIL EQUITY FUNDING: Tackling the attainment gap between the most and least advantaged children

All West Lothian schools are committed to continuously developing their approach to ensure equity and tackle the poverty related attainment gap. Each school's **PEF Summary** provides an overview of their approach and an outline of how Pupil Equity Funding is being used to provide a range of universal and targeted approaches and interventions to improve literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

Please follow this link

Bellsquarry PEF Summary

to view our PEF Summary and find out more about our use of funding.

