

# **Education and Learning Directorate**

# School / ELC Improvement Progress Reporting and Planning Return to Education and Learning



**School:** Sanquhar Academy

Date: May 2022

# 1. Vision, Values and Aims

An essential element in the improvement process is a shared and agreed vision and set of values. These need to be dynamic, reviewed and referred to continuously. The Vision, Values and Aims statement should indicate the school's stance in empowering the school community and partners, and in ensuring excellence and equity for all learners.

Refer to HGIOS?4 / HGIOELC?: Leadership and Management - QI 1.3 Leadership of Change – Theme 1: Developing a shared vision, values and aims relevant to the school and its community; Learning Provision - QI 2.2 Curriculum – Theme 1: Rationale and design; Successes and Achievements - QI 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion - Theme 1: Wellbeing & Theme 3: Inclusion & Equality; Successes and Achievements - QI 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement - Theme 4: Equity for All Learners

# **Our Vision, Values and Aims**

## **School Statement**

# **Our Vision, Values and Aims**

We will work with our parents, partners and the community to help develop in all our pupils the capacity to be their very best.

We will achieve this by promoting the highest aspirations and expectations for everyone and creating an ethos where there is equity of opportunity for all.

For session 2022-23 Sanquhar Academy has been allocated £41,605 Pupil Equity Funding (PEF).

Review Date: To be concluded by June 2022/23

## **Review Activities (as appropriate)**

We will review our progress towards achieving the School Improvement Plan on a monthly basis.

We will gather the views of stakeholders using a range of methodologies on a regular basis. The analysis of stakeholder views will support our informed decision making to allow us to self-evaluate our progress in implementing this School Improvement Plan. We will review the Schools Vision by the end of session 2022-23.

Schools should evidence how all of their stakeholders; parents, learners, staff and partners are closely involved in creating and reviewing the Vision, Values and Aims. (If these have not been recently reviewed, please indicate likely review date).



# 2. School Improvement Progress Report

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Include evaluative statement/s on the impact of Covid-19 on priorities.

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Looking inwards, looking outwards: What key outcomes have we achieved? What are our strengths and areas for improvement? What is our capacity for continuous improvement?

In completing this section, it may be useful to refer to the statements of impact within the Level 5 Illustration for relevant HGIOS? 4 / HGIOELC? Quality Indicators, National Improvement Framework (NIF) 5 key priorities, the 6 NIF drivers and the National Standard (ELC Only)

Area for Improvement	Progress and Impact on: Learners' successes and achievements The school community's successes and achievements - as appropriate (Include evidence of impact.)	Next Steps (Looking Forwards)	
School Priority 1	Awareness of Nurturing approaches has increased as 100% of staff	Practitioners will participate in a	
We are working towards	were involved in baseline assessments using the Glasgow Nurturing	Nurture session to develop their	
becoming a nurturing school.	Schools toolkit and received an introductory presentation conducted	understanding of, and confidence	
Using assessment we have an	by SLT in August 2021.	with, nurture approaches and be	
identified BGE nurture group		able to utilise these approaches	
which meets daily. The number	2 members of staff are currently involved in the Nurture UK training	within their own classroom setting	
of wellbeing concerns for	and cascading this learning to the Nurture SIG (7 members of staff).	to support learners' engagement	
dysregulated behaviour reduce	This has included the 6 Principles of Nurture and Boxall Training.	and participation.	
by 20% against Aug-Dec 2021.	2 other members of teaching staff are already Nurture trained.		
<b>NIF Priority</b> Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing	One member of staff has been appointed as a Teacher of Inclusion and has recently participated in the Train the Trainer programme for Positive Relationships/Pivotal Practice.	Increase awareness of the CIRCLE approach (Inclusion) providing strategies for practitioners to use within their classroom setting to support learners' engagement and	
NIF Driver	Parental engagement evening has taken place to raise awareness of the vision of becoming a nurturing school.	participation.	
School leadership, teacher	Three new Nurture spaces have been created and staff have been	Offer open evenings/days where	
professionalism and assessment	relocated within the building. Classrooms have been refitted, painted	parents and carers can experience	
of children's progress	and appropriate resources purchased to facilitate nurturing practices with appropriate staff timetabled to facilitate the nurture groups.	nurturing approaches in action.	

HGIOS?4 QIs	Tutorial groups which will begin in June 2022 using a nurturing	
1.3, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5 & 3.1	approaches. All classrooms have been provided with a Nurture Box with a range of resources to assist the learners with self-regulation and concentration. Almost all staff are tutors and, in this capacity,	Promote use of Nurture boxes within all classrooms.
	have made initial contact with parents. They have introduced themselves, communicated the vision for whole school nurture and explained their enhanced role in working with parents to support their child's wellbeing and promote an understanding of the UNCRC.	Finalise and implement a Tutor Programme based on nurture approaches, MVP, SHANARRI Principles and UNCRC.
	WISH wellbeing forms have reduced by 99.4% for dysregulated behaviour and the SEEMiS referral system is now being used by all staff. Logged incidents are acted upon by the relevant line manager	Tutor groups used to facilitate the creation of a 'Buddy System'
	promptly and action taken to support staff and learners with dysregulated behaviour is noted. Parents and partner agencies are	Offer opportunities for learning visits to share good practice.
	included to support co-regulation where appropriate. It is evident that staff can now differentiate between a wellbeing concern and dysregulated behaviour.	Continue to log all Wellbeing and Dysregulation concerns in separate systems to ensure appropriate
	There has been reduction in exclusion openings to 5 this session. Anticipated number of exclusions per year, per 1000 pupils is 20. A range of alternative to exclusion strategies are utalised to support learners.	approaches to support are used and can be used for valid and reliable comparison purposes.
	Boxall Profiling has been completed for a number of BGE pupils and 10 senior phase pupils. Assessment information has been used to target specific learners for Nurture Group work. There are currently four groups running who are working on co-regulation and decision making. Nurture provision is beginning to be included as appropriate	Encourage practitioners to adopt a range of strategies to support learners with co-regulation and engagement with learning, leading to self-regulation and to eliminate the need for exclusion.
	within Child Plans as a planned support for learners. Zones of Regulation are being explored with the Nurture Groups and in S1 PSE lessons.	Increase the number of staff who are trained in Boxall Profiling.
	I-abacus has been used for self-evaluation of 3.1 across all faculties.	Use assessment more extensively and increase practitioners'

	Responsibility Staff are work practice; the c	of All regard ing to embed lassroom is a	ere is a greater ing Health and d two nurture p a safe base and ooms have bee	Wellbeing. principles into all behaviour	their classroom is	knowledge and understanding of how to set and support learners with Boxall targets. Continue to review child plans and include nurture provision where appropriate.
School Priority 2 Improvement in Literacy, attainment by the end of the BGE 92% of learners attain L3 (taken from NIF stretch Aim). The percentage of pupils being presented for N5 English is increased to 50% in S4. NIF Priority Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy	colleagues to readers and w next session a adopted litera The Gap betw <i>FME</i> ) and othe S3 (June 2022 challenges hav out through th	eracy School Improvement Group has worked alongside cluster agues to adopt the local authority approach 'creating balanced ers and writers' with Steven Graham. This work will continue into session alongside cluster colleagues. In addition we have ted literacy 'ninja' across the school. Gap between targeted pupils <i>(Care Experienced, SIMD 1&amp;2 or</i> and other pupils in the achievement of L3 Literacy by the end of			Continue to work alongside the cluster on the cluster approach to 'creating balanced readers and writers' through the Literacy School Improvement Group. Undertake a cluster literacy moderation session working with the cluster QUAMSO's in Feb 2023.	
			ACEL L3 Litera	cy at end of S	63	
NIF Driver School leadership, teacher professionalism, parental engagement, assessment of		Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1, FME & CE - Q2 & Q3	
children's progress and performance information.	Current level at May 22 (2021/22)	92%	90%	100%	10%	
1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2	English N5 in S	64. In session	h 2021/22, 40% 2020/21 65% c arget of 50% w	of learners we		Continue to work towards stretch aim target of entries at English National 5 by the end of S4 in line with the VC.

	2022/23. Stretch aim to be in line with the VC.	
School Priority 3 Improved pedagogy by enabling learner led learning across the curriculum.	A number of practitioners took part in a School Improvement Group 'The teacher as the resource' practitioners worked alongside S.T.I.L.L Scotland and complete CPD using 'Teaching Walkthrus' by Tom Sherrington and Oliver Caviglioli. Using the S.T.I.L.L approach a demonstrated shift could be seen in the	The S.T.I.L.L approach will be invested upon to enable stakeholder adults to undertake the anxiety coaching improving wellbeing to support learners. Identified groups of pupils
NIF Priority Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people	wellbeing of the group and in their mindset when entering the classroom.	will also be given the opportunity to take part. Continue to develop learning approaches, utalising 'Walk Thrurs'
NIF Driver School leadership, teacher professionalism, parental engagement, assessment of children's	50% 27.6% 40% 56.3% 56.3% 75 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 5	and integrate the excellent lesson into the revised 'Better Relationships, Better Learning, Better Behaviour' Policy.
progress and performance information <b>HGIOS?4 QIs</b> 1.2, 1.3, 2.4, 3.2 & 3.3	Practitioners took part in a development session in partnership with cluster primaries to become familiar with the revised GTCS standards enacted in August 2021.	Practitioners will continue to monitor and adapt to any SQA changes over the next academic session. Practitioners will also start to consider the impact of the 'Muir
	Practitioners have increased knowledge and understanding of SQA content and current expectations in their curricular area. Learners achieve success in SQA awards. Practitioners have continued to work closely with colleagues on the	to consider the impact of the 'Muir Report' on future SQA provision.
	changes to SQA qualification structures at both a local and National level. Current changes it has been announced will remain in place for next session.	

School Priority 4	The school's curriculum for session 2021/22 took account of the	
The school's curriculum will be	national context and was shaped to allow a years recovery from the	
reviewed, and changes planned	COVID 19 pandemic. Pupils were able to access double period blocks	
for implementation into session	of learning and work from home when in isolation. Working from	
2022/23, to improve outcomes	home for learners and staff became more challenging and a real time	
and positive destinations for all	hybrid model was not able to be successfully achieved. GLOW Teams	
learners.	continues to be the primary platform for learning at home. Success	
	was enabled by working in partnership with the SWEIC, a number of	Continue to develop the curricular
NIF Priority	learners undertook learning at SCQF level 7 (Advanced Higher). The	offer across the school – taking
Improvement in employability	online model of learning at this level has been adopted into session	account of the requirements across
skills and sustained, positive school-leaver destinations for	2022/23. Self-evaluation of the curricular model adopted has been	the Senior Phase including the Muir
all young people.	taken into account in planning for the curricular model for session 2022/23.	review 2022.
an young people.		
NIF Driver	A School Improvement Group was developed to conduct action	
School leadership,	research in potential models that could be adopted at Sanguhar	
parental engagement, and	Academy. The group focused of the breadth of requirements of the	
teachers professionalism.	learners across the school community, working collaboratively to	
	ensure that the adopted curricular architecture could be delivered	Continue to enhance the current
HGIOS?4 QIs	within the current capacity of the school. The group successfully	curricular model and communicate
1.2, 1.3, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 3.3	planned and consulted with a range of stakeholders and has now	this effectively with pupils, parent and wider stakeholders, into session
	adopted a revised curricular architecture for session 2022/23 and	2022/23 and beyond.
	beyond. Practitioners across the school continue to review the SCQF	
	framework and explore opportunities to close the attainment gap for	
	all learners.	
	As session 2021/22 began the wider National context became clearer.	Continue to monitor the wider
	The 33 period week which had been suggested could no longer meet	national context and work
	the demands of the evolving requirements following the OECD review.	collaboratively with the local authority
	The drive to deliver enhanced Learning and Teaching approaches into	to ensure that the requirements of
	the future needed to be adapted. As such, the school revised the	the Sanquhar community are met.
	school day and has restructured to allow practitioners the opportunity	
	to deliver 21 teaching hours as and when it is requested of us.	

# 2.1.1 Report on the impact of PEF

- Comment specifically on how PEF is making a difference / closing the attainment gap for identified cohorts of children / young people?
- How rigorous is the school's approach to providing robust evidence of closing the attainment gap?
- How well are you removing barriers to learning and ensuring equity for all?

Stephen Graham 'Creating balanced Readers and Writers' – Staff from the School improvement Group have attended training, alongside the Sanquhar education cluster. As part of a 2 year programme, year 1 has now been completed. Practitioners are continuing to work alongside colleagues to continue to conduct professional enquiry into how we will use this as a cluster approach to meet the needs of our learners.

*Literacy Ninja* – The Write like a Ninja resource has been adopted through the Literacy School Improvement Group. This resource is continuing to be adopted across the school to close the gap in writing.

*Reading* – The school library has undergone a refresh post COVID and almost has the infrastructure back into place to return to lending books. Our Learning Assistant allocation has been utilised to facilitate the library restructure. NGRT Literacy Assessments were used across the BGE to monitor progress and support attainment tracking. These assessments provided an insight, however they will not be utilised in the same way next session.

	ACEL L3 Literacy at end of S3			
	Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1, FME & CE - Q2 & Q3
Current level at May 22 (2021/22)	92%	90%	100%	10%

### Numeracy - £15,000.00

Literacy - £28,000.00

Ongoing supports adopted through PEF and the Schools programme have now been subsumed into the work of the STEM faculty, as such they will remain an ongoing priority for the school. Curricular adaptations have been adopted to ensure that we continue to close the Gap in attainment of Numeracy. Learning Assistants are currently deployed through PEF and will continue to be deployed through the core allocation into session 2022/23 to support closing the attainment gap in Numeracy. Stretch aims have been adopted for next session's targets.

		ACEL L3 Numeracy at end of S3			
	Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1 - Q2 & Q3	
Current level at May 22 (2021/22)	92%	91%	100%	10%	

#### Health & Wellbeing - £10,500.00

#### Nurture

The classroom resource required to deliver a focused Nurture provision for learners has been developed. Four Nurture groups have been established across this academic session. Boxall and other Health and Wellbeing measures such as the Wellbeing Web analysis continue to be monitored to measure gains in pupil's progress. Nurture groups have been timetabled into the curriculum for session 2022/23.

Practitioners have researched and developed Tutorial resources for session 2022/23. Tutor Groups have been integrated into the Curriculum Architecture for session 2022/23 and beyond to enhance Health and Wellbeing outcomes for all learners.

Data demonstrates that there continues to be a gap in pupil attendance. Nurture provision will continue to be a strategy used to support increasing pupil attendance. Pupil attendance will become one of our participation measures for Health and Wellbeing and will be a focus of PEF allocation within the SIP into session 2022/23. Stretch aims have been adopted for next session's targets.

		Pupil Attendance			
	Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1, FME & CE - Q2 & Q3	
Current level (2021/22) at March 22	81%	77%	86%	9%	

In Addition to the information above please see mid-year Scottish Attainment Challenge schools programme report. Note, Schools Programme funding concludes at the end of the academic session 2021/22.

(What is our capacity for continuous improvement?) In giving an evaluation against the HGIOS? 4 /HGIOELC? six-point scale (Column 4), consideration should be given to impact of COVID-19 on the school's strengths and areas for improvement.

Refer to HGIOS? 4 / HGIOELC? Quality Indicators relevant to your school's context in making comment.

Quality Indicator	ality Indicators relevant to your school's context i How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
<ul> <li>1.3 Leadership of Change</li> <li>Developing a shared vision, values and aims relevant to the school and its community</li> <li>Strategic planning for continuous improvement</li> <li>Implementing improvement and change.</li> </ul>	We have been able to adopt School Improvement Groups this session with focused targets through the School Improvement Plan. Enabling practitioners to lead change collaboratively across the school. Nurture – 12% of learners have benefited from targeted Nurture groups. Improvements in their health and wellbeing have been recorded through both Boxall and Wellbeing Web analysis. Literacy - Improvements in Literacy at L3 with 92% of learners achieving L3 by the end of S3. At SQCF L4 with 98% of leavers attaining L4, 5% above the VC and at SQCF L5 with 78% of leavers attaining L5, 4% above the VC (Insight Feb 22). Curriculum – A revised Curriculum Architecture has now been adopted. Learners are now structuring their options via their individual Learner Pathways.	Continue to develop Health and Wellbeing approaches across the whole school community. Enable practitioners to have the resources to support pupils Health and Wellbeing. Evidence of impact anticipated through increased attendance and participation in learning activities. The school's vision will be re-established. Taking into account the post COVID landscape. Continue to utilise i-abacus for self- evaluation; encourage faculties to become more data aware and support learners and respond to pupils views.	4
	Learning and Teaching – A number of Practitioners have utilised the 'Teacher as the Resource' as an approach to ensure that		11

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Refer to HGIOS? 4 / HGIOELC? Quality Indicator			Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	looking after their own Health and Wellbeing enables them to be more available for learners.		
<ul> <li>2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment</li> <li>Learning and engagement</li> <li>Quality of teaching</li> <li>Effective use of assessment</li> <li>Planning, tracking and monitoring.</li> </ul>	A curriculum review has been undertaken this session and developed to enable learners follow their chosen learner pathway. We are developing our curriculum model, including planning teaching and assessment, to meet the needs of our pupils. Developing courses and offering learners NPAs and alternative SCQF level courses which meet their needs.	The curriculum has been impacted by staffing; a national shortage of HE and Technical teachers. Alternative ideas have been discussed including food production and outside agencies. Alternatives continued to be researched to provide leaner pathways into the hospitality and food production industries.	4
	Practitioners have effectively planned, tracked, and monitored attainment and achievement with feedback being provided for learners and parents at regular intervals. The new tutor group system establishes an additional link with parents to discuss report cards and wider school issues.	The tutor group will continue to establish links and build relationships with parents and pupils which is a key area for improvement post pandemic. Practitioners must continue to keep up to date with SQA information and adapt where required.	
	Throughout this year staff have continued to embed assessment opportunities into practice. Practitioners used SQA information and updates to plan effective use of assessment and enhance classroom practice to support revision of current courses in the	This will involve colleagues developing courses; researching the diverse range, and developing the knowledge to deliver these courses. The aim for the positive leavers destination	

# 2.2 Summary of Key Strengths and Areas for Improvement

Quality Indicator	How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	Senior Phase.	for 2022/2023 is 97%.	
	Online opportunities continue to be developed and embraced, where applicable, within the senior phase curriculum including YASS Courses, college courses. Advanced Higher and some Highers are being delivered through SWEIC working alongside Universities to provide SCQF L7 learning.		
	Pathways for learners continue to be supported though partnership working across the school. 95% of learners entered a positive		
	destination in 2020/21 in line with the National, Regional and SWEIC and that was		
	3% higher than the virtual comparator. We will continue our focus on literacy, numeracy and HWB in the BGE to sustain and improve levels and to close the gap between Quintile 1 and Quintile 2&3 within the BGE levels and the senior phase.		

Refer to HGIOS? 4 / HGIOELC? Quality Indicators relevant to your school's context in making comment.

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Quality Indicator	Quality Indicators relevant to your school's context in           How well are you doing?           What's working well for your learners?           (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
<ul> <li>3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion</li> <li>Wellbeing</li> <li>Fulfilment of statutory duties</li> <li>Inclusion and equality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SAC has been utilised to support wellbeing through developing Nurture provision: new facilities, resources and training.</li> <li>Targeted nurture provision has supported soft starts; providing a safe base for check-in, nutrition and a nurture activity to support the young people to understand their emotions, promote self-regulation and enable them to be ready to learn.</li> <li>Child Protection Procedures are in place and all staff have received appropriate training.</li> <li>All staff are aware of their responsibility to support the health and wellbeing of all learners.</li> <li>Bullying, Equality and Racism incidents continue to be addressed promptly and recorded using SEEMiS. Reports are generated and reviewed termly.</li> <li>Diversity is encouraged and there has been an attempt to establish a GSA group, Youth Work Services have been involved in supporting this work. LGBTQ+ and preferred</li> </ul>	Use assessments and feedback to evaluate provision and its impact on a termly basis. Mandatory 3-year enhanced training for the cluster is scheduled for 23.02.23. All staff need to be fully familiar with the UNCRC and use the articles to support learning through tutor time. Utilise tutor time and partners to further improve awareness of Diversity and support for young people and their families. Share links with staff to ensure familiarisation with new and refreshed national and local documents and guidance.	4

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Quality Indicator	ality Indicators relevant to your school's context i How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	pronouns are supported and dealt with sensitively by staff.		
	Systems are in place to support learners identified as Care Experienced or with ASN and to share information with relevant parties. Strategy sheets, IEP's, Child Plans and CSPs are reviewed regularly. Staff understand the framework for escalation and use the framework when the need arises.		
<ul> <li>3.2 Raising attainment and achievement</li> <li>Attainment in literacy and numeracy</li> <li>Attainment over time</li> <li>Overall quality of learners' achievement</li> <li>Equity for all learners</li> </ul>	Our PEF funded literacy and numeracy interventions are improving outcomes for our targeted group of pupils in the BGE. There has also been a positive impact from interventions in Literacy. The % of S3 targeted pupils achieving L3 were <i>Numeracy 92%; literacy 92%</i> % Of leavers achieving L4 in 2021 <i>Numeracy 95% VC 86%</i> <i>literacy 98% VC 92%</i> % Of leavers achieving L5 in 2021 Numeracy 80% VC 60% literacy 78% VC 74% the L5 has improved 10% from last year.	Keep reviewing how we take in to account the new guidance from SQA relating to the ongoing gathering of evidence and exam adaptions throughout next session for young people studying NQ courses. Discussions can again take place at in- person parents' nights regarding progress and achievement. Tracking reports and full reports with comments allow staff to share information with parents Continue to moderate internal evidence and review to adapt our school quality assurance processes for verification and moderation.	4

# 2.2 Summary of Key Strengths and Areas for Improvement

Refer to HGIOS? 4 / HGIOELC? Quality Indicators relevant to your school's context in making comment.

Quality Indicator	ality Indicators relevant to your school's context i How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	<ul> <li>workshops has increased understanding of text types for most staff. Staff have started to embed 'Literacy Ninja' tasks and activities into their planning and shared their experiences with the whole school.</li> <li>Senior phase Leavers 1+@L4 100%; 1+@L5 88%; Leavers 1+@L6 49% </li> <li>Pupils in S3 have made extensive use of the learner pathways as part of their preparation for the senior phase and have been well  prepared for making their option choices to  raise the overall attainment going into the  senior phase.</li></ul>	We would need to continue our tracking, monitoring and interventions to achieve/maintain senior phase targets as below: - Leavers 1+@L4 100%; 1+@L5 90%; Leavers 1+@L6 54% using the stretch aims to close the gap between the gap between Quintile 1 and Quintile 2&3. Leavers 1+@L4 maintain; 1+@L5< 6pp; Leavers 1+@L6 <5pp We must continue as practitioners to self- reflect, set targets, improve school ethos to create a calm learning environment, building positive relationships between staff and pupils including the use of peer assessment. The new tutor group should contribute to a calm learning start to lessons and build these positive relationships. Strong learning interventions in place, paid for through the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF), are resulting in improved achievement in literacy and numeracy for learners. Considering the insight data further improvements are needed to increase the level of qualification gained by leavers to	

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		improve attainment data.	
2.2 Curriculum: Theme 3 Learning Pathways	Throughout this session we have revised our curriculum architecture. A School Improvement Group have led on the consultation with staff, pupil, parents and wider stakeholders. The BGE has had the balance across all 8 curricular areas reviewed and changes have been implemented. Tutor Groups have also been created for all learners and will be integrated into the curriculum. Allowing us to address Health and Wellbeing, children's rights and take account of learners entitlements, the four capacities and our setting. The curriculum has been developed to take account of current educational thinking and involves partners to support learners to reach positive outcomes. Learner	Continue to embrace the curricular opportunities locally and work with our partner organisations. Take account of the outcomes of the Muir Review and consider alongside the context of our local setting and sustainability. Learning and Teaching about children's rights within Tutor Time alongside MVP. Develop a programme for Tutor Time with dedicated check in's for learners.	4

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Quality Indicator	ality Indicators relevant to your school's context i How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	Pathways have been adopted to support pupils to evaluate the totality of their learner experience. The pathways take account of progression and choice for our learners. Skills for learning, life and work continue to be a focus across the curriculum and staff and partners provide opportunities for learners to continue to develop an awareness of the world of work.		
2.7 Partnerships – Theme 3: Impact on Learners The impact of parental involvement on improving children and young people's learning.	Partnerships with parents, carers and the local community is continuing to develop using digital platforms such as: the School App and the use of Vscene, Microsoft Teams and Forms. Digital parental engagement evenings have been well attended. Face to face meetings are beginning to be reintroduced now that covid restrictions have been lifted.	Continue to offer a blend of face to face and digital platforms to promote parental and community engagement and information sharing.	4
	An added layer of support and engagement has been developed this academic session with the introduction of Tutor Allocation, supporting our drive towards whole school nurture and promoting positive relationships. An additional member of staff will know the young person well and be able to track and monitor progress of the learner	Embed tutor support and build positive relationships with young people and parents. Promote further parental engagement with the young peoples' learning and wellbeing.	

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Quality Indicator	Quality Indicators relevant to your school's context in How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? (Include evidence of impact.)	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	and report regularly to the parent/carer. Further impacting on greater involvement of parents/carers in the young persons' learning and wellbeing.		
	We continue to work with our feeder primary schools and the relevant parents to support a smooth transition to secondary school with enhanced transition for those who require it. All S2–S5 parents/carers have had the opportunity to be involved in working with the school and SDS (Skills Development Scotland) to support their child with decisions regarding their Learner Pathway.	Commence support for Transition-in earlier; start when the learners are in P6. Collaborate with the Primary School staff to expand the enhanced transition offer (AS identified this as a development need). Commence the learner pathway discussions pre-christmas to enable all learners and their parents/carers the opportunity for a face-to-face meeting.	
	The learners have had input from expert partner agencies, face to face and online, raising the awareness of potential pathways to support decision making, promote career ambitions and enhance positive destinations. Links with DYW partners remain strong despite changes in personnel.		
	Our annual survey (AS) has been conducted offering all stakeholders the opportunity to have their say in school improvement		

(What is our capacity for continuous improvement?) In giving an evaluation against the HGIOS? 4 /HGIOELC? six-point scale (Column 4), consideration should be given to impact of COVID-19 on the school's strengths and areas for improvement.

#### Refer to HGIOS? 4 / HGIOELC? Quality Indicators relevant to your school's context in making comment.

Quality Indicator	How well are you doing? What's working well for your learners? ( <i>Include evidence of impact.</i> )	Areas for Improvement	Evaluation of this QI using the HGIOS?4 six-point scale
	planning.		

# 3. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022 – 2023 (Limit the number of priorities to ensure they are manageable and achievable.)

# Clearly identify within your School Improvement Plan where you are using Pupil Equity Funding to improve outcomes for learners.

The 'Planned Management of Improvement Area' (Column 4) should indicate lead person/s, resources, time allocations; for example, collegiate sessions. Consideration should be given to how bureaucracy will be reduced and workload managed with the school's 35-hrs Working Time Agreement.

		How	are you usi	ng pupil ec	uity funding	g to improve outcomes	for learners?
Improvement Area	Outcomes for Learners / School Community					Key Tasks	Planned Management of Improvement Area
School Priority 1 - Learning Develop, through Nurturing practice, Tutor Time and continue to develop the curriculum to meet the needs of all. NIF Priority Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the center of education.	Literacy & Nume The school will so Literacy and Num and work alongsi Literacy and Num Transition to the Within Literacy t reduce to less th learners overall a	eek to rec neracy Int ide cluster neracy int Secondar he identifi an 5%. Th	erventions w r primary collerventions th y school. ied gap at L3 e stretch aim	ithin the se eagues to s roughout tl by the end set for nun	condary upport ne of S3 will nber of	Continue with implementation of the 'Steven Graham' Literacy progaramme alongside the Education Cluster. Continue to develop school approaches using literacy 'Ninja'	Strategic Lead - NS Lead - CC & SIG Time Allocation - In-service days and CT sessions. Funding – School Fund Completion Date - June 2023
Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing.		Overall Levels	ACEL L3 Literad SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	cy at end of SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	53 Gap Q1, FME & CE - Q2 & Q3	Develop approaches across the school using the 'Text Types'.	Lead - CC & SIG Time Allocation - In-service days and CT sessions. Completion Date - June 2023
Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and	Current level at May 22 (2021/22)	92%	90%	100%	10%	Liaise with cluster on approaches to Text	<i>Lead</i> - CC & Cluster QAMSO's <i>Time Allocation</i> - In-service day in Feb
young people Improvement in skills and	Stretch aim to be achieved at May 23 (2022/23)	96%	95%	100%	100% <5%	Types being embedded. Undertake cluster moderation.	2023 <i>Completion Date</i> – End Feb 2023
sustained, positive school- leaver destinations for all young people.	Improvement (Percentage point)	4рр	5рр	Орр	<5pp	Recruit Transition Teacher (PEF	Lead – EH Funding - PEF £10,000, CPD budget
						£10,000 plus other	Completion Date – By 30 Aug 2022

Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy.	Within Numera reduce to less the L3 numeracy by	han 5%. T	he stretch ai	m for learne	funding)		
NIF Drivers			ACEL L3 Nume	eracy at end o	of S3		
School Leadership Teacher and practitioner professionalism		Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1 - Q2 & Q3		
Curriculum and assessment School improvement	Current level at May 22 (2021/22)	92%	91%	100%	10%		
Performance information HGIOS4 QIs	Stretch aim to be achieved at May 23 (2022/23)	96%	95%	100%	<5%		
	Improvement (Percentage point)	4рр	4рр	Орр	<5pp		
	Tutor Time Every learner w week. Tutor tim The launch of w school activities time will enable indicator on an awareness of th school will secu will support the approaches.	e will foc hole scho days. PE learning individua e 'Rights re the Bro	us on pupils ool Tutors wil F £10,500. Th to explore th l basis. Leane of the Child' onze Award b	Health and N Il be support ne allocated ne Health an ers will deve through the by June 2023	Wellbeing. eed by whole timetabled d Wellbeing lop their UNCRC, the S. Tutor Time	Tutor Time implemented 3 morning per week. Tutors identified for all learners. Calendar developed to support planning for learning during Tutor Time. Learners will participate in a	Strategic Lead – DT Lead – AM, AD & Nurture SIG Time Allocation – Timetabled Tutor Time & CT/in-service as required to support delivery. Funding - PEF £10,500 and School Fund £3,000 Completion Date – Sept 22 Lead – JB Time Allocation – 4 Days
						participate in a whole school 'Outdoor Learning' Activities day in their Tutor Groups.	Funding - PEF £10,500 and School Fund £3,000 Completion Date – Sept 22
						School will complete	Lead – AL

					the UNCRC Bronze Award.	<i>Time Allocation</i> – In-Service/CT as required. <i>Funding</i> - N/A <i>Completion Date</i> – Jun 23
Curriculum Deve Curriculum arch BGE and Senior continue to be e will consult with required update Working alongsi curricular pathw we will adapt th national require	itecture will Phase. Care embedded ir colleagues es will be con de partners vays. Workin e Curriculur	er Managen nto the curri on the 'Mui mmunicated we will seel ng alongside n Architectu	nent Skills (( culum. Prac r Report' an l to stakeho k to enhance the Local A re to impler	CMS) will ctitioners id any lders. e our uthority ment	Learners will have the opportunity to work with partners from across the SWEIC and local partners such as 'Happy Hooves' to gain National Qualifications.	Strategic Lead – NS Lead – NS Time Allocation – CT/in-service as required to support delivery. Funding - N/A Completion Date – Jun 23
Stretch aims - Le L4, L5 & L6. Pos	eavers will in	ncrease their ations will in	r 1+ SCQF A		Barista DYW Innovation project will be developed	Lead – AD Time Allocation – Timetabled alongside Personal Development.
	Overall Levels	Leavers 1 SIMD Quintile 1	+ SCQF L4 SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1- Q2 & Q3	and implemented.	Funding – Applied for through DYW & Princes Trust. Completion Date – Jun 23
Current level (2021/22) at Feb 22 Insight Update	100%	100%	100%	0%		
Stretch aim to be achieved 2022/23 at Feb 23 Insight Update	100%	100%	100%	<2%		
Improvement (Percentage point)	Maintain	Maintain	Maintain	<2pp		

	Leavers 1+ SCQF L5				
	Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1 - Q2 & Q3	
Current level (2021/22) at Feb 22 Insight Update	88%	79%	92%	13%	
Stretch aim to be achieved 2022/23 at Feb 23 Insight Update	90%	86%	94%	6%	
Improvement (Percentage point)	2рр	7рр	2рр	<6pp	
		Leavers 1	+ SCQF L6		
	Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1- Q2 & Q3	
Current level (2021/22) at Feb 22 Insight	49%	53%	36%	17%	
Stretch aim to be achieved 2022/23 at Feb 23 Insight Update	54%	55%	52%	3%	
Improvement (Percentage point)	5рр	2рр	16pp	<5pp	
	Le	avers positiv	e destinatio	ns	
	Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1 - Q2 & Q3	
Current level Insight @ Feb 2022 Insight	95%	95%	93%	2%	

	Update Stretch aim to be achieved by Feb 2023 Insight Update Improvement (Percentage point)	97% 2pp	97% 2pp	97% 4pp	0% <1pp		
School Priority 2- Relationships and Behavior Develop inclusive learning and collaborative working across the school community.	School Vision Over the course partners will be o statement. The consultation with new vision statem	consulted o Pupil Leade n pupils. By ment in pla	n a revised rship Team June 2023 ce.	school vision will lead the school	on ne will have its	Consult with a range of stakeholders to create a revised vision statement for the school.	Strategic Lead – EHC Lead – Pupil Leadership Team Time Allocation – In-service as required. Funding – N/A Completion Date – Jun 23
<b>NIF Priority</b> Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the center of education.	Family Learning, S.T.I.L.L Scotland A range of stakel will have access	Anxiety Co nolders from	aching (PEI n across th Scotland's A	F £21,200) e school co Anxiety coad	mmunity ching	To run S.T.I.L.LStrategic Lead – DTScotland programs alongside currentLead – JK S.T.I.L.L Scotlandhealth & well-being initiatives and mental healthTime Allocation – CT/in-service as required to support delivery. Funding – PEF £21,200) Completion Date – Jun 23To support the school community in tackling anxiety with practical, easy to apply and effective strategies.Strategic Lead – DT Lead – JK S.T.I.L.L Scotland Time Allocation – CT/in-service as required to support delivery. Funding – PEF £21,200) Completion Date – Jun 23	Lead – JK S.T.I.L.L Scotland Time Allocation – CT/in-service as required to support delivery. Funding – PEF £21,200)
Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing. Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people	programme. Targ opportunity to u approach to redu negative bias. By The S.T.I.L.L Met managing the fee health and wellb overall school at:	ndertake th uce anxiety studying th hod addres elings it cre eing initiati	e program build conf ne most up ses anxiety ates. Throu ves our stro	me using a idence and -to-date soo at its root, igh this and	step-by-step challenge cial science, whilst existing		
NIF Drivers School Leadership Teacher and practitioner professionalism						To consider targeted interventions for individuals, and measure impact.	

Parent/carer involvement and engagement		Pupil Attendance					
School improvement Performance information		Overall Levels	SIMD Quintile 1, FME & CE	SIMD Quintile 2 & 3	Gap Q1, FME & CE - Q2 & Q3		
HGIOS4 QIs	Current level (2021/22) @ March 22	81%	77%	86%	9%		
	Stretch aim to be achieved 2022/23	88%	85%	90%	5%		
	Improvement (Percentage point)	7рр	8рр	4рр	<6pp		
	Better Relationship Review and Implem Our expectations w open, positive, sup community, where they're listened to, to discuss sensitive in which children a modelling behaviou and encouraging it methodologies whi sensitive and respon young person. In pa an authoritative sci	tionships, Better Learning, Better Behavior Policy				Rewrite and implement Better Relationships. Better Learning, Better Behaviour Policy.	Strategic Lead – EHC Lead – NS, AM & SIG Time Allocation – CT/in-service required to support delivery. Funding – N/A Completion Date – Jun 23

Implementation of the CIRCLE f	ramework - Inclusive Learning	Implement the	Strategic Lead – DT
	Tamework - Inclusive Lediting	•	5
and Collaborative Working.		CIRCLE, Inclusive	Lead – AD & AMc
There can be a tendency to foc	us on how specific physical,	Learning and	<i>Time Allocation</i> – CT/in-service
sensory or behavioural strength	ns and support needs can	Collaborative	required to support delivery.
impact on a learner's ability to	be included in school; however	Working, ideas in	Funding – N/A
this is usually only a small part	of the picture. We know from	practice framework.	Completion Date – Jun 23
current research that inclusion	is influenced by a combination		
of factors including the physica	l environment, attitudes,		
expectations and opportunities	, in addition to the learner's		
skills and abilities implementing	g the circle framework will		
enable the school to continue t	o develop its inclusive practice.		
Greater than 20% reduction fro	m session 2021/22 in the		
number of referrals for dysregu	-		

# **Better Relationships, Better Learning, Better Behaviour**

Ready Respectful Safe

Human Rights, Health & Wellbeing, Close the Attainment Gap, Positive Destinations, Improve Attainment

We will implement Tutor Groups for all learners.



PEF £10,500

We will continue to review and enhance our curricular offer for all Learners.



Sanquhar Academy



We will continue to implement Nurture Groups for identified Learners.



"The more you read the more that you know. The more that you earn the more aces you'll go."

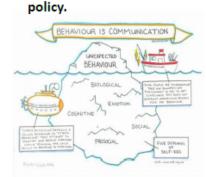
We will continue to improve attainment in Literacy and Numeracy. PEF £10.000

School Improvement Plan 2022-23

We will implement the CIRCLE, Inclusive Learning and Collaborative Working; Ideas in practice, across the



We will review our Better Relationships, Better Learning, Better Behaviour





Working alongside S.T.I.L.L Scotland we will implement a range of strategies to overcome anxiety with positive

action. PEF £22,500





We will review the schools vision statement by June 2023.

