

***David Livingstone Memorial Primary School***

**Strategic Improvement Priorities over 3-year cycle      Timescale: 2021 - 2024**

Strategic Priority	Year 1 – 2021/2022	Year 2 - 2022/2023	Year 3 – 2023/2024
1.	Increase attainment in Reading through work linked to Reading Schools Bronze and Silver Accreditation.	Improve attainment in Literacy (especially Reading and Writing) through work linked to Reading Schools Gold Accreditation Award and targeted small group Reading and Writing support.	Review existing curriculum, with a particular focus on the development of STEM.
2.	Introduce play-based learning in P1 (hybrid model).  Introduce outdoor learning across the whole school.	Improve attainment in Numeracy through increased consistency in the teaching of mental maths, along with increased challenge for the more able.	Fully implement play-based learning in P1.  Increase opportunities for play across the whole school.
3.	Introduce attachment-informed practice across the school.	Further develop our practice as an attachment-informed school and apply for a Nurturing Schools Award.	Introduce skills-based learning across all stages.
4.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> Nursery Improvement Plan was incorporated in School Improvement Plan.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> Raise attainment in Literacy (especially Listening and Talking).	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> To raise attainment in Literacy.
5.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> Nursery Improvement Plan was incorporated in School Improvement Plan.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> Plan for equity and reduce the cost of the nursery day to £0 for all nursery parents.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> To raise attainment in Numeracy.
6.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> Nursery Improvement Plan was incorporated in School Improvement Plan	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> Further develop our practice as an attachment-informed Nursery and apply for a Nurturing Schools Award.	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b> To incorporate new guidance in relation to 'Setting the Table' in order to improve the lunchtime experience for all children within our setting.

**Context of school**

David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class is set within the urban Coatshill area of Blantyre and is part of Calderside Learning Community in South Lanarkshire. The current roll is 265 over 10 classes, and 23 children in the Nursery. Our catchment area comprises a mix of privately-owned and social (local authority) housing. Our new school opened in June 2012 and provides an excellent modern environment in which children can learn and achieve. Currently, 35.5% of our children are eligible for a free school meal. Our Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation profile for 2022/2023 highlights that 20.0% of our P1-7 pupils live in deciles 1 or 2, with no children living in deciles 9 or 10. Within our nursery, these figures are 13.0 % and 0% respectively. Our school attendance level is currently 92.5%.

Our school vision is 'We aim to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where everyone can learn and grow.' Our values are Respect, Inclusion and Nurture. We aspire to become a school and nursery that delivers high quality teaching and learning underpinned by continuous self-evaluation. Working in partnership with all, we aim to provide learning experiences that will engage and inspire all our learners enabling them to achieve success. Our curriculum is designed to ensure all children are supported in their learning through our attachment-informed practice and progressive planning which provides opportunities for our children to learn knowledge and skills through real life experiences.

The Senior Leadership Team consists of a Head Teacher who has been in post since August 2016, along with a job-share DHT (0.6 and 0.4) and a job-share Principal Teacher (0.6 and 0.4).

We have an active Parent Council who support the school in many ways, especially via fundraising. We are trying to establish greater links with the local community and make good use of our Active Schools Co-ordinator to provide learning opportunities for children of all stages.

In 2021/2022, our school was awarded both a Silver and Bronze Reading Schools Award and we are currently in the process of applying for Gold Accreditation.

Our school and nursery was recently inspected by Education Scotland in February 2023, receiving evaluations of VERY GOOD for all 4 Quality Indicators: QI 1.3 Leadership of Change, QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment, QI 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion and QI 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement/Securing Children's Progress. The report endorsed our school and nursery self-evaluation and our identified next steps are evident in our School and Nursery Improvement Plan.