School Information (Including ELC/Nursery if applicable)		
School/Establishment	Ferryhill Primary School	
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School Statement: Vision, Values & Aims, Curriculum Rationale

Vision

Our goal is to give every child the **life chances** they deserve. We have a responsibility to **guide and prepare** our children for their future and, at Ferryhill Primary School, we do this by ensuring our curriculum **meets the needs of all learners**.

We aim to **understand the community** our children live in. We understand and strive to offer the **supports our pupils need**, in the classroom and beyond. We use our teaching skills which are **relevant** to our pupils and strive to promote **independence and resilience**.

Our school community values a curriculum which helps pupils to grow in **confidence**. At Ferryhill, **pupil voice and celebration of wider achievement and attainments** is at the heart of our school vision. We aim to encourage pupils to be **creative**, use their **initiative** and develop **critical thinking** skills.

We are a diverse community and promote a school ethos of respect and tolerance for others.

Values

Kindness

Respect

Ready to Learn

Safe

Aims

To support our children to achieve in school and life beyond.

To meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our learners.

To ensure all stakeholders understand our community and the ways in which we are unique.

To develop confidence in pupils.

To ensure pupils have a voice which is heard.

To celebrate and ensure pupils participate in activities which promote achievement in and beyond the classroom.

To promote curiosity, creativity, initiative, and critical thinking skills.

To ensure all members of the school community are respectful and tolerant of each other.

	Three Year School Plan for Improvement				
Quality Indicator	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027		
1.3	They use this knowledge well to shape the vision for the school.	Leaders at all levels motivate and inspire others to sustain collective commitment to the shared vision through daily actions.	Senior leaders carefully guide the strategic direction and pace of change to ensure changes result in positive outcomes for learners and are		
	The vision of the school is ambitious and focuses on improvements in outcomes for all.	Senior leaders carefully guide the strategic direction and pace of change to ensure changes	sustainable.		
	Learners are supported to understand the vision aims and values through the four contexts for learning.	result in positive outcomes for learners and are sustainable.			
	Senior leaders carefully guide the strategic direction and pace of change to ensure changes result in positive outcomes for learners and are sustainable.	All staff are involved in the process of change and in evaluating the impact of improvements. This is supported by carefully planned individual and collective career-long professional learning.			
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2.3	The learning environment is built on positive, nurturing and appropriately challenging relationships which lead to high-quality learning	Use of Circle tool to continuously evaluate our environment. Engage in flexible classroom training with CEC – Teachers to visit other	A clear strategic plan to support skills work across the school.		
	outcomes.	settings for inspiration.	Learners are exposed to skills for life working including supports via the World of Work		
	Learners' achievements in school and out of school are recorded and recognised.	Learners understand how these achievements help them develop knowledge and skills for life, learning and work.	Learners receive high-quality feedback and have an accurate understanding of their		
	Learners play an active role in the school and wider community and regularly take on	Learners play an active role in the school and	progress in learning and what they need to do to improve.		
	leadership roles, including leading learning.	wider community and regularly take on leadership roles, including leading learning	Learners are able to give effective feedback to		
	Teachers are beginning to engage in planning for assessment.	Learners receive high-quality feedback and have an accurate understanding of their progress in	peers on their learning and suggest ways in which they can improve.		
	Benchmarks are beginning to be used to inform	learning and what they need to do to improve.	Data analysis is fully embedded in to planning		

	judgements about next steps in learning		for pupil needs
		Staff access and apply relevant findings from	
	Planning is proportionate and manageable and	educational research to improve learning and	
	clearly identifies what is to be learned and	teaching.	
	assessed.		
		A quality body of evidence is used to support	
	Assessment approaches are matched to the	assessment judgements and decisions about	
	learning needs of learners and are used to	next steps.	
	support them to demonstrate where they are in		
	their learning.	Processes for assessment and reporting are	
		manageable and very effective in informing	
	All teachers have well-developed skills of data	improvements in learning and teaching.	
	analysis which are focused on improvement.		
		Data analysis is fully embedded in to planning	
	Tracking and monitoring are well-understood	for pupil needs	
	and used effectively to secure improved		
	outcomes for all learners, including the most	All teachers have well-developed skills of data	
	deprived children and young people and those	analysis which are focused on improvement.	
	who are looked after.		
3.1	All staff and partners are sensitive and	The whole learning community has a shared	All staff and partners model behaviour which
3.1	responsive to the wellbeing of each individual	understanding of wellbeing and the children's	promotes and supports the wellbeing of all.
	child and colleague.	rights.	promotes and supports the wendering of an
	omia and concupact	1.8.163.	Children and young people are
	All stakeholders promote a climate where	Staff and partners have created an environment	knowledgeable about equalities and
	children and young people feel safe and secure	where children and young people feel listened	inclusion. They feel able to challenge
	Specific and a second second	to and are secure in their ability to discuss	discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance
	Staff, children and young people know,	personal and sensitive aspects of their lives	when they come across it
	understand and use the wellbeing indicators as	because they feel cared about.	
	an integral feature of school life.	·	
	<u> </u>	All staff engage in regular professional	
	All staff and partners take due account of	learning to ensure they are fully up-to-date	
	the legislative framework related to	with local, national and, where appropriate,	
	wellbeing, equality and inclusion.	international legislation affecting the rights,	
		wellbeing and inclusion of all children and	
		young people.	

	The views of young people are fully embedded into processes, meetings etc that involve them. Issues relating to diversity, equality and inclusion are beginning to be explored in school through assemblies and events such as Black History month Classrooms are inclusive and meet the needs of all learners. Support is provided classrooms are inclusive and meet the needs of all learners. Support is provided	The curriculum provides children and young people with well-planned and progressive opportunities to explore diversity and multifaith issues, and to challenge racism and religious intolerance. Indoor and outdoor spaces are used effectively to promote positive relationships and wellbeing. Staff take account of research linking benefits of outdoor learning and green space with wellbeing.	
3.2	Attainment levels in literacy and numeracy are a central feature of the school's priorities for improvement and are raising attainment. The school's data demonstrates our current learners are making progress. Improving confidence in teacher judgements together with benchmarking is beginning to support teacher judgement leading to improvements in attainment.	Confident teacher judgements together with benchmarking and an appropriate range of assessments are leading to improvements in attainment. The school's data demonstrates our current learners are making good progress. Confident teacher judgements together with benchmarking and an appropriate range of assessments are leading to improvements in attainment.	Almost all children and young people are attaining appropriate levels, and a few have exceeded these. Very good progress is demonstrated through robust tracking of attainment over time in all curriculum areas and at all stages. The school's data demonstrates our current learners are making very good progress.
	Children will begin to engage in learning conversations both within the classroom and across the school. Pupil voice will begin to be implemented and offer all pupils an opportunity to make change in the school.	The school empowers children and young people to have a say in the quality of their learning experiences and how to improve. Pupil voice will be embedded into school practices and reviewed in order to remain fresh	Children and young people are fully engaged in their learning and participate in decision-making about their learning pathways and future career aspirations. Leadership of learning to become a focus for

	Review current offers in place and seek views from all stakeholders on opportunities which improve engagement. Implement opportunities for pupil voice which helps to engage those pupils who are under 85% or at risk of exclusion. Ensure all areas of the school are used by active schools or wider achievement clubs every day. Identify pupils who may benefit most and offer spaces.	and innovative. There is evidence that children and young people are applying and increasing their achievements through active participation in their local community	improvement and change. Attendance levels are high and improving. Exclusion rates are low and inclusion is successful for all.
2.7	Monitor impact / success of Communication Policy Ensure clear strategy and tracking of supports available to families from outside agencies. Continue to establish termly class newsletters, look at alternative formats to see if this improves engagement. Gather data from SCE visits to identify trends to engagement eg. particular classes / year groups / activities that increase engagement.	Family Nurture – continue to develop Zen Den to further reduce barriers to learning. Work with partners to introduce practical nurture support for families. Eg. adult learning activities, practical supports such as washing facilities. Offer incentive to encourage families to engage and give feedback on policies. Café to be re-established from term 1. Clear plan of targeted groups and format of café. (Drop in clinic to sign up for activities / supports, class / group café so families can build network within class and share experiences and access suitable supports. Revisit Family Engagement – working with The Promise?	

2.2	Spend time with staff and pupils in the local	Spend time with staff and pupils in the local	
	environment – Do we really know the area?	environment – Do we really know the area?	
	Develop further links with the community and	Develop further links with the community and	
	local businesses/charities etc.	local businesses/charities etc.	
	Fully embed planning processes – implement	Fully embed planning processes – implement	
	planning together to model best practice.	planning together to model best practice.	
	Develop work in sharing learning, lesson study	Develop work in sharing learning, lesson study	
	approaches and professional dialogue sessions,	approaches and professional dialogue sessions,	
	inwards, outwards and forwards.	inwards, outwards and forwards.	
	Review curriculum to ensure design principles	Review curriculum to ensure design principles	
	are embedded - progression, coherence,	are embedded - progression, coherence,	
	breadth, depth, personalisation and choice,	breadth, depth, personalisation and choice,	
	challenge and enjoyment and relevance	challenge and enjoyment and relevance	
	Look outwards at ways in which personalisation	Look outwards at ways in which personalisation	
	and choice can be fully embedded into L&T and	and choice can be fully embedded into L&T and	
	planning for learning	planning for learning	

etc

Develop opportunities for pupil leadership in

each year group – Gardening, sustainability, IT

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etc

	School Improvement Priority 1 2025-26
Priority	2.3
Person(s) Responsible	DHT/HT/All staff
Next Steps from Standards and	Ensure focus on pace and challenge in learning
Quality Report	Continue to develop pedagogy in digital technologies
	Continue to promote stakeholders' engagement in the life of the school and community.
	Continue to work on leadership of learning in all year groups
	Promote curiosity, independence, creativity and confidence in learning.
	Begin to introduce meta-skills.
	Begin to develop assessment strategy which included peer, self and teacher feedback.
	Work on variety of assessment evidence and approaches across the school – developing consistency, reliability and variety.
	Track wider achievements in school and at home
	Develop a more robust and strategic monitoring system
	Continue to develop teacher skills in data analysis.
	Develop learning community shared expectations for standards and plans for moderation

HGIOS 4 QIs	NIF Priority
2.3 Learning Teaching and Assessment	Improvement in skills
Developing effective use of digital technology to support L&T	
Leadership of learning including aspects of feedback and assessment	Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy
Developing Pupil Voice and engagement in learning	

Tracking and monitoring to ensure	

Key Issue/Challenge (why?)	What will solve the Issue/Challenge (what?)	Implementation Activities (how, when and who?)	Outcomes (what does success look like?)	Measurements (how will you know?)
2.3 Learning Teaching and Assess Digital Technologies Ensure focus on pace and challenge in learning Continue to develop pedagogy in digital technologies	ment Continue to develop pedagogy in digital technologies Ensuring digital technologies is used effectively to support learning for all throughout lessons and across the curriculum	Distributed Leadership Short Life Working Group with a focus on: Development plan to be completed through collegiate plan across all staff – nursery, teaching, support - August Inservice Day 2025	Development of a Ferryhill strategy Progressive skills evident across the school but in P5-7 classes specifically Evidence of digital use as part of lessons across the curriculum	Digital opportunities are planned for in weekly timetables. Shared classroom experience – evidence of digital technolgies in lessons
Wider Achievements and Pupil Voice: Pupil Voice and Wider Achievements - formalised into a Ferryhill Approach Disparity in consistency of Wider Achievement opportunities across the LC – a need to ensure equity of provision	Continue to promote stakeholders' engagement in the life of the school and community. Track wider achievements in school and at home to demonstrate contribution to the life of the school and wider community Implement opportunities for pupil voice which helps to engage those pupils who are under 85% or at risk of exclusion.	Distributed Leadership Short Life Working Group with a focus on: Development plan to be completed through collegiate plan across all staff – nursery, teaching, support - August Inservice Day 2025	Learners' achievements in school and out of school are recorded and recognised. Learners understand how these achievements help them develop knowledge and skills for life, learning and work. Learners play an active role in the school and wider community and regularly take on leadership roles, including leading learning. There is evidence that children and young people are applying	Wall displays Tracking of Ferryhill 50 — recorded and passed to next teacher Start to look at DYW — assemblies and feedback from pupils Pupils show awareness of their local community. They can demonstrate through pupil voice opportunities, how they can play an active role in the school community and wider Drylaw community. Views sought in

			and increasing their achievements through active participation in their local community Pupil voice will offer all pupils an opportunity to make change in the school. Pupil voice will be embedded into school practices and reviewed to remain fresh and innovative.	assembly, in class and through pupil survey Active Schools information on engagement Global goals events Overview of Ferryhill 50 and pupil engagement
Leadership of Learning: Pupils to understand and discuss their learning	Engagement in CEC professional learning opportunities – revisit previous PL and work on development of a consistent approach across the school	Distributed Leadership Short Life Working Group with a focus on: Development plan to be completed through collegiate	The school empowers children and young people to have a say in the quality of their learning experiences and how to improve.	Kan Ban? SLWG Plan to demonstrate how impact will be measured. Shared classroom experience
Teachers Opportunities to develop pupil leadership of learning are needed	Leadership of learning in all year groups. Link with AiFL and Feedback to ensure all pupils	plan across all staff – nursery, teaching, support - August Inservice Day	Learners understand how these achievements help them	Learner conversations termly by SLT
Metacognition and meta-skills	can lead their own learning through effective assessment and feedback which identifies	2025	develop knowledge and skills for life, learning and work.	Pupils demonstrating knowledge of next steps in jotters and through conversation
to be implemented to show how we learn and improve engagement	strengths and next steps Begin to develop assessment		Learners receive high-quality feedback and have an accurate understanding of their progress	Children demonstrating an understanding of the skills they
Pupils Pupils lack confidence in	strategy which included peer, self and teacher feedback.		in learning and what they need to do to improve.	use to support learning. They can voice this through the use of language of learning – SLE, Pupil
understanding their role in learning	Review questioning to promote higher order thinking. How do		Staff access and apply relevant findings from educational research to improve learning	Voice, learning conversations Marking and feedback given in
Pupils need to understand how they learn, what their next steps	we explicitly plan for questioning and are questioning		and teaching.	jotters

are in learning and apply skills to	skills progressive across the		Teachers are planning for	SLWG to look at feedback as
show improvements	school?		assessment, and benchmarks	part of our L&T policy? Identify
			are used to inform judgements	our Ferryhill approach
Limited engagement with	Start to develop a whole school		about next steps in learning	
Writing. A lack of enthusiasm,	approach to providing high		,	Language of learning – how to
creativity and challenge across the school.	quality feedback to inform progress and next steps in learning Promote curiosity, independence, creativity and confidence in learning. Professional Learning/research in teaching approaches Begin to introduce meta-skills to help staff and learners to identify and use skills which will support in life and learning		Assessment approaches are matched to the learning needs of learners and are used to support them to demonstrate where they are in their learning. A quality body of evidence is used to support assessment judgements and decisions about next steps	promote curiosity, independence, creativity and confidence in learning evidence of lessons planned to explicitly teach/talk about these skills.
Tracking and Monitoring:	Work on variety of assessment	SLWG to look at assessment	All teachers have well-	Planning and Attainment
- 	evidence and approaches across	approaches – August 2025	developed skills of data analysis	discussions
Clear expectations of our	the school – developing		which are focused on	
tracking and monitoring of pupil	consistency, reliability and	HT to check LC marking policy to	improvement.	Jotter monitoring reflects
progress	variety.	ensure consistency across the LC	·	expectations
Jotter policy with consistency across the school	Develop a marking and presentation policy	and into high school Data from Pupil Tracking and how to access will be revisited	Data analysis is fully embedded in to planning for pupil needs	All staff can talk about pupil learning and achievement and demonstrate knowledge of
The share of the same of the same	Ensure data about learner	with staff in August 2025.	Tracking and monitoring is well-	factors impacting achievement
Teachers understand their	attainment and needs (all		understood and used effectively	P&A
learners and can identify next	sources) is shared and	Planning and attainment date in	to secure improved outcomes	
steps in learning – this is evident	understood by teaching staff as	the collegiate calendar and	for all learners, including the	QA and collegiate calendar
in work which is planned and	part of the Aug inservice day.	identifies as part of the WTA for	most deprived children and	clearly link to improvement
assessed		2024/25. 4 dates starting in	young people and those who	priorities
		August identified	are looked after.	
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Planning and attainment to be in the collegiate calendar in August.	calendar and ensure the planned tasks are completed,	
Ensure all tracking and monitoring is clearly identified in shared school calendar	evidenced and show impact/next steps	

Evaluation (January, May)			

	School Improvement Priority 2 2025-26						
Priority	3.1						
Person(s) Responsible	SDO/PSO/HT						
Next Steps from Standards and	Work to engage parents and community in planning for pupil needs						
Quality Report	Fully embed wellbeing indicator characters						
	Work on curriculum which provides planned and progressive opportunities to explore diversity and tolerance						
	Develop more robust systems and opportunities for staff/pupils/families to challenge discrimination						
	Develop a SLWG to develop outdoor spaces which feel safe and promote positive relationships.						
	Continue to develop partnerships in the community to support pupils, staff and parents.						

HGIOS 4 QIs	NIF Priority
3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equity and Inclusion	Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing
Pupils understand their rights and can link to Global Goals	
Learning for sustainability – specifically through pupil voice	Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of
Learners voice as part of the GIRFEC process	education
All staff understand their learners, and plan for their needs taking in to account	
factors which may disadvantage	

Key Issue/Challenge (why?)	What will solve the Issue/Challenge (what?)	Implementation Activities (how, when and who?)	Outcomes (what does success look like?)	Measurements (how will you know?)
Teachers				
Some staff lack understanding of the UNCRC and what this looks like in context. There is some good practice being demonstrated with some aspects. (eg. Class Charters)	Build a shared understanding of UNCRC through CLPL to consider key themes and consistent approaches throughout school.	Staff will participate in a variety of CLPL to develop knowledge and confidence in planning and delivering learning considering key aspects of UNCRC. (See	All staff will develop the relevant knowledge, understanding, skills and values through CLPL to confidently deliver high quality learning and teaching in line	Staff reflections achieved through pre and post training staff survey responses. Curricular plans will reflect changes made to curriculum and

Processes to ensure all stakeholders have a clear understanding of the support and strategies in place for each child are being developed.

Most staff do not feel adequately trained to ensure UNCRC principles are embedded in their planning and teaching beyond Bronze Level accreditation.

GIRFEC principles and approaches are effectively used to support some learners (those with GIRFEC plans in place) but not the majority of learners who should have access to universal supports.

More awareness of statutory expectations for those children who are previously CP / LAC and their rights to ongoing support.

Embedding pupil passport – initial prioritising Red Folders initially.

online training from RRSA & CEC)

SfL and SLT staff to complete Pupil Passports for all CP and Care Experienced Children by December 2025.

Clear procedure in place and shared with all staff and relevant stakeholders regarding GIRFEC approaches to support **all** entitled learners.

Staff will review H&WB curriculum and delivery to ensure it provides progressive and varied learning experiences to develop learners' knowledge and understanding of GIRFEC principles and UNCRC. (All terms)

Children will consistently be given the opportunity to share their views during the CPM process and to inform decisions which are made around their wellbeing and care.

Staff will continue to undertake annual professional learning. Any changes to legislation will be shared and discussed during our weekly staff meetings. CEC essential learning will be completed by all staff.

with the principles of UNCRC.

All staff and partners are sensitive and responsive to the wellbeing of each individual child and colleague.

Staff and partners have created an environment where children and young people feel listened to and are secure in their ability to discuss personal and sensitive aspects of their lives because they feel cared about.

All staff and partners take due account of the legislative framework related to wellbeing, equality and inclusion.

The views of young people are fully embedded into processes, meetings etc that involve them.

All staff engage in regular professional learning to ensure they are fully up-to-date with local, national and, where appropriate, international legislation affecting the rights, wellbeing and inclusion of all children and young people.

delivery in line with GIRFEC and UNCRC training.

Consideration of GIRFEC and UNCRC evidenced through learner conversations and SCEs.

Staff participation and engagement in relevant training.

Pupil Passports available for all CP / Care Experienced children outlining current and historic supports and strategies in place.

		All policies will be reviewed regularly, at a minimum once a year.		
Students P4 – 7 learners identified they would like more opportunities to learn about UNCRC. Children are aware that the school is a Bronze Accredited Rights Respecting School and are keen to gain their Silver Award. Learning about rights, through rights and for rights for all stakeholders is key to this. Learners shared they would like more opportunities to contribute to the life of the school and wider community.	Review curriculum to ensure that GIRFEC Principles and UNCRC is an entitlement for all learners at all stages. Ensure that GIRFEC Principles, UNCRC Articles and Global Goals are matched to planned experiences where possible. Ensure that a variety of learner experiences are provided progressively including UNCRC, resilience, Global Goals and Learning for Sustainability. Undertake actions outlined in RRSA School Action Plan to support Silver Accreditation. Work collaboratively with other	All classes will be taught about rights when working on Class Charters. Children will be taught that rights are universal and unconditional, the CRC applies to all children and show an awareness that some children may not be able to access their rights. (Term 1) RRSA Group to be established in school made up of staff, pupils and other stakeholders – cover to be provided to allow staff to observe practice within other cluster schools.	The whole learning community has a shared understanding of wellbeing and the children's rights. Achieve Silver Rights Respecting Schools Accreditation. All learners will have the opportunity to lead learning in their classroom and beyond to support positive change.	Action plan evidence submitted for RRSA Silver Accreditation. Learners leading learning will be evident in SCE – rubric updated to reflect this. Learner participation evidence through work carried out by Pupil Voice Groups and shared with others.
	schools locally who are striving for Silver or Gold to share and support practice. Identify engaging and motivating learner contexts and experiences across the school for learners to lead learning. This will involve extending learner leadership roles in the classroom and beyond. Pupil voice actively sought included to support work carried out.	Learners will be provided with opportunities to share their passion and interests in UNCRC, Global Goals and Learning for Sustainability. Giving opportunities to lead learning and influence change in their classrooms, school and wider local community. All pupils P3 – 7 will take part in Pupil Voice groups twice a term. (All terms, specifically during Pupil Voice Groups and H&WB lessons)		

	Pupil Voice groups – pupils have identified areas of interest and will have opportunities to take forward developments in the coming year.			
School All stakeholders understand and can relate to the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators. Equalities Pupil Group and Pupil Parliament are well established. Work on curriculum which provides planned and progressive opportunities to	Fully embed wellbeing indicator characters and what indicators mean to pupils. Resilience programme to be reviewed to ensure relevant content for all learners.	Wellbeing indicators /characters and placed around the school and are continuously used in discussions about wellbeing Whole school Resilience Programme is appropriately resourced and matched to learner needs. (Term 1)	Staff, children and young people know, understand and use the wellbeing indicators as an integral feature of school life. All stakeholders promote a climate where children and young people feel safe and secure. The curriculum provides	All children at all stages will be able to identify wellbeing indicators and characters and give examples of what this means to them. Pupil and family engagement in
explore diversity and tolerance Develop more robust systems and opportunities for staff/pupils/families to challenge discrimination.		Equalities Group to meet regularly and plan a range of activities / events to raise awareness and challenge issues related to equalities.	children and young people with well-planned and progressive opportunities to explore diversity and multi-faith issues, and to challenge racism and religious intolerance.	planned diversity events will be attended by the majority of families. Views gained and shared by all
Not all children know how the school supports them with their physical and mental health, social and emotional needs. These supports should be universal where appropriate.	Playground to be further developed to ensure all stakeholders feel safe and included.	Develop a SLWG to develop outdoor spaces which feel safe and promote positive relationships. Continue to develop partnerships in the community to support pupils, staff and parents.	Issues relating to diversity, equality and inclusion are beginning to be explored in school through assemblies and events such as Black History month Indoor and outdoor spaces are used effectively to promote positive relationships and wellbeing. Staff take account of research linking benefits of	stakeholders to evidence work undertaken to raise awareness and engagement in how school supports the physical and mental health, social and emotional wellbeing of all learners.

			outdoor learning and green	
			space with wellbeing	
Evaluation (January, May)				
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Average attendance remains	under 90% across the schoo	l with specific year groups wit	are inclusive and meet the n clear patterns of non-attend needs of all learners. Support is	ance.
Targeted interventions involv	ing a whole class approach to	target attendance on specific	provided classrooms are days and specific children / y inclusive and meet the needs of	ear groups.
Review attendance responsi	bility of all approach to ensure	all staff understand their resp	all learners onsibilities in improving atten	dance.
Pupil tracker will also be use	d to monitor the impact of atte	ndance on attainment and we	ellbeing.	

Learning Community approach will allow SEF funded PSO to target specific children whose attendance remains under 85%. This will allow a more focussed approach by the school PSO, CT and SLT.

SEF PSO will look at bespoke interventions for those with specific attendance needs.

Continue to look at supports offered from the TALC.

Communicating priorities with parents will be simplified in a driver diagram to make priorities clear. The steps and planned activities for improvement will be outlined.

Work to engage parents and community in planning for pupil needs

	School Improvement Priority 3 2025-26 (if applicable)					
Priority	3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement					
Person(s) Responsible	HT/DHT/All staff					
Next Steps from Standards and Quality Report	Continue to engage with Pupil tracking to demonstrate more robust tracking of attainment data over time. Continue to engage with discussions and professional learning in teacher judgment/assessment evidence to inform attainment predictions Promote pupil voice within the classroom and across school to promote improved outcomes in attainment and learning experiences Review attendance procedures alongside Learning Community colleagues					

HGIOS 4 QIs	NIF Priority
3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement	Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people
Specific focus on writing although improvements in reading and oracy are starting to form the Ferryhill Literacy Strategy	Improvement in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy
Renewed focus on improvements in attendance – responsibility of all	

Key Issue/Challenge	What will solve the	Implementation Activities	Outcomes	Measurements
(why?)	Issue/Challenge (what?)	(how, when and who?)	(what does success look like?)	(how will you know?)
Progress in Writing/Literacy is well below expected levels	Development of Whole School Literacy Strategy -	Development work/training P4 staff alongside SLT to attend Writing CYPIC Writing	Opportunities for staff to feedback on CYPIC Writing	Planning and attainment discussions – link to benchmarks and coverage over each term
<u>Teachers</u> Subject knowledge: some staff	Consistency in approach to literacy across the school.	Programme.	programme – sharing learning and strategies	(pace and challenge)
lack sufficient knowledge of the processes involved in the teaching of writing: e.g.	SLWG to create explicit examples of what literacy should look like across the school at different levels	SLWG to continue to work with Amy McIntosh to develop Ferryhill Approach to teaching Writing.	An improvement in pupils' engagement which is demonstrated in the following	Identifying specific pupil needs/gaps early and interventions in place evidenced through attainment discussions

How to introduce and extend a concept, pace and challenge, breadth and progression

Diagnostics/interventions:

Additional early interventions are needed in nursery and P1. Secure assessment information gathered early to provide and challenge. How are we using baseline assessments? What are we using and how effective is this? Can children retell stories etc?

Inconsistency in practice:

Literacy Rich, Read Write Inc and approach to teaching writing across the school. Are we using the appropriate pedagogical approach to support our children?

Pupils

Gaps in vocabulary leading to difficulties in writing in the early level and resulting in lack of progress throughout the school.

Attainment picture in P1 and beyond is well below the expected level. P1's 2024/25 ACEL data for literacy 72% on track. As pupils move through the school, attainment levels drop with current literacy levels in P7 just over 60%. Why is this?

Early level approach to teaching literacy is having little impact on

Teaching of Oracy

Ensure ORACY is explicitly taught – how are we doing this? Helicopter stories? Talk for Writing? Word Boost/Word Aware?

Review of resources

What are we using and the impact? Review and purchase high quality reading material.

Prewriting development of skills and pedagogy in early years (P1-3)

Assessment of motor skills – Highland Literacy approach and linked to continuous provision – are there key themes that could be developed earlier in nursery?

Consistency in teaching and assessment

Develop a unified marking and benchmarking resource for assessment and feedback

Plan, Draft, Evaluate and Improve approach – ensuring a consistent approach

Opportunities to develop Self, Peer and Teacher feedback strategies which are high quality and lead to improvements – teaching skills Moderation -

Moderation of planning for literacy across the wee, term, year

Shared Classroom Experiences to be undertaken by Learning Trios as part of Lesson Study approach to ensure consistency across the school

Training for talk for writing, word boost etc

All staff to engage in Oracy Edinburgh Learns training.

P1 and P2 teachers to attend early literacy CEC training

Collaborative planning time protected in WTA and as part of each in-service day

Allocation of resources

Use of SEF teacher and additional full-time teacher to support assessment in term 1 or P1 pupils

Introduce RWInc at P3 (SfL teacher)

Purchase new resources with explicit understanding of purpose and stages appropriate

attainment improvements in literacy both long and short term

Primary 4

P4B Stretch Aim:

By June 2026, 81% of pupils will have achieved CfE First Level in writing. Baseline September 2025 - 61% projected for June.

P4A Stretch Aim:

By June 2026, 80% of pupils will have achieved CfE First Level in writing. Baseline September 2025 - 60% projected for June.

P4B 1st Aim:

By 10th October 2025, 81% of pupils will be able to write at least 3 sentences with a punctuation mark and capital letter in each. Baseline September 2025 - 10% achieving

P4A 1st Aim:

By 10th October 2025, 80% of pupils will be able to write at least 3 sentences with a punctuation mark and capital letter in each. Baseline September 2025 - 20% achieving

Primary 5

Stretch Aim P5B

90% (10/11) pupils will be on track for target level 2.2 for writing by June 2026 Baseline 61% (11/18)

57% (4/7) of pupils will be on track for target level 2.1 for writing by June 2026

Teaching Aim P5B

Baseline 0% (0/18)

By November 2025, 77% (14/18) of P5B pupils will be able to use a variety of conjunctions to join three pairs of sentences together.

Stretch Aim P5A

75% (6/8) of pupils will be on track for target level 2.1 for writing by June 2026. 85% (12/14) of pupils will be on track for Feedback from SCE

Learning conversations

Moderation feedback- Forms

secure achievement of early level.

Approach to teaching writing/play pedagogy is resulting in pupils having little 'staying power'.

Focus on basic skills in P1-3 is needed to ensure ACEL at 1st and 2nd

Weak application of phonics in writing. Approx 40% of P4 pupils are currently not on track. Data in achievement of Early level is not being transferred into 1st and 2nd level. P2 and 3 pupils are not currently maintaining levels achieved in P1 and transferring in to P4.

Decide on approach to spelling, handwriting and presentation

First Level Pupils - need to focus on teaching of

- Tools for writing
- Oracy to improve writing
- Vocabulary
- High expectations

<u>Purpose and celebrations of</u> success

Celebrate learners' writing achievements (eg. displays, assemblies, certificates, prizes, opportunities to showcase, publications such as school anthologies, school communications such as social media and newsletters)

Showcase a Writer of the Week/Month in school Link in with national themed days (e.g. National Poetry Day) and showcase creative writing as a school

Visit to Edinburgh Book Festival

target level 2.2 for writing by June 2026. Baseline 63% (14/22)

Teaching Aim P5A

By November 2025, 90% (20/22) of P5A pupils will be able to use a variety of conjunctions to join 3 pairs of sentences together.

Baseline 27% (6/22)

Agreeing timetables and expectations – non negotiables

Clear purpose and outcomes expected from additional staff allocated to improvement agenda

Attainment levels in literacy and numeracy are a central feature of the school's priorities for improvement and are raising attainment – all staff understand and can articulate attainment for their pupils based on evidence and assessment

The school's data demonstrates our current learners are making progress – ACEL data increase of at least 5% in all year groups

Confident teacher judgements together with benchmarking and an appropriate range of assessments are leading to improvements in attainment – all staff engage in moderation activities to make judgements

			and plan for next steps in learning All staff understand and implement expectations for the explicit teaching of literacy across the school. There is clear progression in literacy teaching and skills across the school which demonstrate 7 principles of curriculum design	
Attendance Average attendance remains under 90% across the school with specific year groups with clear patterns of non- attendance.	School PSO, staff and SLT to identify those pupils at risk of falling below 90% and plan supports for learner and family All staff will identify year groups as a 'test' to put agreed interventions in place which may improve attendance – i.e Learning outdoors on a Friday, House events on specific dates etc Data for pupils, including average attendance to form part of planning and attainment discussions. Class teachers to use Pupil Tracker to monitor and flag patterns/issues to the school PSO	Learning Community approach will allow SEF funded PSO to target specific children whose attendance remains under 85%. This will allow a more focussed approach by the school PSO, CT and SLT on those 90% and above. Targeted interventions involving a whole class approach to target attendance on specific days and specific children / year groups. Review attendance responsibility of all approach to ensure all staff understand their responsibilities in improving attendance.	Increase in average attendance above 90% across the school by August 2026 Fewer pupils dropping below 90% attendance – monitored monthly Targeted interventions support improvements in pupils who are absent on specific days of the week. TALC works to improve outcomes for learners and families which positively impacts improvements in attendance/achievement School PSO and LC SEF PSO develop a strategy to support attainment across the LC resulting in improvements in	Monthly attendance figures are monitored and tracked All pupil attendance is monitored daily by admin staff and any child absent for 3 days will be contacted by the PSO – this considers 48hr rule after sickness etc Wellbeing wheels to monitor pupil wellbeing and impact of interventions demonstrates improvement in wellbeing Parents/carers asked to give feedback on supports LC strategy is targeted to reduce absence rates across the LC – at Ferryhill, we will formalise flow

Wellbeing wheels to be used by PSO to identify individual needs and supports which may help learners/families	Pupil tracker will also be used to monitor the impact of attendance on attainment and wellbeing.	All staff have a better understanding of attendance and impact on achievement. All staff understand their role in improving attendance across the school	chart of supports and how to access them All staff will have awareness of attendance rates in their class and across the school. They will understand the factors influencing attainment and attendance and be able to offer supports to learners and families. All staff will know how to access supports from SEF PSO and Ferryhill PSO
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Evaluation (January, May)	

	ELC/Nursery	Improvement Priority 1 2025-2	6 (if applicable)			
Priority	2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment					
Person(s) Responsible	DHT Liann Bailey/EYOs/All E	DHT Liann Bailey/EYOs/All ELC Staff				
Next Steps from Standards and Quality Report	Revisit our VVA with all staff, children and parents/carers.					
	More robust quality assurance	More robust quality assurance activities to be planned for throughout the session.				
	Involve all stakeholders in Question of the Month as part of ongoing self-evaluation to improve our setting.					
	All staff to take on a leadership role within setting.					
	Continue to focus on raising attainment in Literacy and Numeracy using knowledge and skills gained from professional learning.					
	Introduce Forest Friday pilot to enhance outdoor learning opportunities.					
	Review use of Learning Journals and DMLOs. Enhance use of LJ between Nursery and home.					
	Ensure tracking and monitor conversations happen at least twice per year, and themes are identified to support our planning process e.g. Communication.					
Links to Quality Framework: Quality Indicators	QI 1.3 Leadership of change QI 2.3 Learning, teaching and assessment Care Inspectorate: How good is our Leadership, Management and Staffing? QI 3.1 Quality assurance and improvements are well led Care Inspectorate: How good is our Leadership, Management and Staffing? How good is our care, play and learning? QIs: 1.3 Play and Learning and 2.2 High Quality Facilities					
Key Issue/Challenge (why?)	What will solve the Issue/Challenge (what?)	Implementation Activities (how, when and who?)	Outcomes (what does success look like?)	Measurements (how will you know?)		

Our Vision, Values and Aims are not yet embedded within our daily practice. Staff are lacking in confidence to manage more challenging behaviour within the setting.	Focus on Nursery values for returning/new children in August 2025 (Adult initiated planning) Develop our VVA displays within the Nursery setting with all stakeholders. Professional learning for all staff on developing Positive relationships & positive behaviour/Trauma informed practice	Revisit VVA with all staff during August in-service day. Family Learning Group - Gather views from children and families about VVA – What do our values look/feel like in Nursery? (Sept 25) DHT/HT to organise PL around Trauma informed practice/ASLS to support with promoting positive behaviour	VVA displays are easily accessible and referred to by all stakeholders. Children can confidently talk about the Nursery values and staff refer to them within daily interactions with children and families. Staff are more confident in managing challenging behaviour.	Observations within the setting and evidence of examples within VVA display. A reduction in the number of incidents/accidents within our setting.
Our Quality Assurance calendar was well planned for; however, it was not always followed due to staffing/changes in SLT.	Environmental toolkits should be used alongside more robust quality assurance activities such as Shared Learning Visits and the use of digital technology to evaluate our Spaces, Experiences and Interactions. Support given to EYOs to lead aspects of the Quality Assurance calendar. Time is provided for all staff to take a leadership role within the setting.	All staff to take a turn of leading an Environmental toolkit (1x per month - ongoing) SLT & EYOs to visit 1x per term for Shared Learning visits. (ongoing) DHT to meet with EYOs monthly to review Quality Assurance calendar and provide opportunities to lead this. Coaching conversations will be provided to support them in their leadership role. Time is protected within weekly staff meetings for ongoing professional learning. All staff to have a leadership role as agreed at PRDs. See Leadership remits for details.	Our learning environment is inviting and promotes curiosity and creativity. Our learners are observed actively engaging in high quality play to enhance their learners. EYOs develop confidence in leading across the nursery setting and there are clear remits for all members of the leadership team.	Evidence within our learning journey book (staff PL) of all planned activities and next steps. Staff to complete a leadership plan and evaluation to monitor impact.
There is a lack of evidence to support robust self-evaluation.	Question of the Month to be embedded into our Quality	DHT to share digital Question of the Month with families and	We will have views from all stakeholders within our	Evidence within the Learning Journal book

	Assurance calendar - Digital and Paper versions for parents/carers and Big Book for children and Staff. Family Learning Group to gather parent/carer views each month using a range of methods. Quality assurance calendar to include sampling of PLPs from SLT and providing feedback to staff.	Family Learning group to gather children & parent/carer views in our Learning Journey Big Book (ongoing) DHT and EYOs to sample PLPs each term and provide feedback to staff (ongoing)	Learning Journal book to reflect on and continually plan for improvements. PLPs will be updated in accordance with legislation and include appropriate details about our learners.	PLPs and recording of observations during sampling
Children are not yet making expected progress in Literacy and Numeracy. Planning (adult initiated and responsive) is not consistent across the setting. Staff do not have regular opportunities to engage with and reflect on Realising the Ambition.	All staff to be familiar with the Ferryhill Nursery Planning Process for Terrific 2s and 3-5s. All staff to have the opportunity to lead a planning session (block or responsive) A range of Literacy and Numeracy experiences to be available across the Nursery setting, including a balance of child led, adult initiated and adult led. This will ensure appropriate support and challenge is provided. All staff to be confident in implementing phonological awareness/SEAL professional learning into daily practice.	DHT and EYOs to lead professional learning sessions on Planning with children and our planning process at Ferryhill (by Sept 25) Support from Early Years Teacher & DHT to model phonological awareness, early communication and SEAL within the setting (Dec 25)	All practitioners understand and value the planning process. Our planning is carefully considered and embedded within our Spaces, experiences and interactions. Staff are able to continually evaluate and respond to learners needs. Children will have high quality experiences to develop their Literacy and Numeracy skills.	Evidence of excellent planning in place in both Nursery rooms and within Nursery forward plan. An increase in the number of children On Track across the DMLOs. Tracking of Literacy and Numeracy for N5 children? Records of Shared Learning Visits within Learning Journey Big Book. Evidence of assessment for learning within Next Steps and Learning Journals.
	Review our planning to ensure adult led/initiated experiences are well led and organised. Consider our adult timetables and all staff	Adult timetable developed by DHT and all staff to ensure a balance of offerings and		

	to take leadership of an 'offering' within the Nursery week. Shared Learning visits to focus on implementation of Literacy and Numeracy professional learning	target children are agreed (Oct 25) Shared Learning visits by DHT and EYOs. Provide feedback to individual staff and the whole team at staff meetings. (ongoing)		
	Revisit the planning process with all staff (RTA and Planning with Children) Ensure that Skills are a focus for planning and assessment within the setting	DHT to continue to support staff with considering stages of child development (RTA) and skills-based assessment during planning meetings. ongoing)		
Outdoor learning experiences beyond the Nursery setting are not consistently planned for.	Introduce Forest Friday pilot to enhance outdoor learning opportunities Daily Walks to be planned for using responsive planning 'Big Book'	Claire and Joanna (EYPs) to lead on Forest Fridays. (First group out by Sept 25) Claire to support staff in planning for Daily Walks (ongoing)	Children at Ferryhill ELC will have a range of high-quality outdoor learning experiences offered throughout the week. An increase in engagement and Early Communication skills is our priority.	Claire and Joanna to gather feedback from conversations with learners and parents/carers about the impact of Forest Friday.
Assessment is not yet being used effectively by all staff to ensure we have high expectations and aspirations for our learners. Learning Journals are not well used by our families.	Review Learning Journals purpose and use of DMLOs Continue to plan for 'sharing sessions' of DMLOs, Next Steps and Learning Journals within the quality assurance calendar.	Marta to undertake some research with parents/carers around Learning Journals (by Oct 25) Marta to offer family learning session on accessing Learning Journals (1 x per term)	High quality assessment is evidenced within Learning Journals and links with adult led block planning/skills. Families are actively participating in their children learning journals.	All families able to access learning journals. Families sharing information from home (e.g. wider achievements) via learning journals which will be celebrated in Nursery.
	Increase engagement with families to capture children's individual achievements beyond the setting. Support families to use Learning Journals more effectively to monitor	All staff to share their Learning Journals at sharing sessions (1 x per term) DHT to organise and lead Tracking and Monitoring conversations with all	Children who are not yet on track will be highlighted early within the session and the correct supports will be put in place.	Tracking and monitoring recording evidence next steps and interventions for individual children.

	children's progress and engage with Nursery. Ensure tracking and monitor conversations happen at least twice per year, and themes are identified to support planning process e.g. Communication.	EYPs/EYOs (Oct 25 & April 26)	
Evaluation (January, May)			

	ELC/Nursery Improvement Priority 2 2025-26 (if applicable)
Priority	QI 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion
Person(s) Responsible	DHT Liann Bailey/EYOs/All ELC staff
Next Steps from Standards and Quality Report	Introduce an Attendance procedure to support families and improve attendance within the setting. Continue to explore different ways of supporting and involving families in their child's learning, including a delivery plan for PEEP developed by EYOs. All staff to be confident in using a range of strategies to meet learners needs. All staff to participate in a school leadership group to plan for progression from Nursery to P7 Ensure all staff are aware of current legislation and identified policies/procedures to be updated and embedded this session. All staff to have high expectations of learners and demonstrate confidence in developing early literacy and numeracy skills
Links to Quality Framework: Quality Indicators	QI 3.1 Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion QI 2.1 Safeguarding and Child Protection QI 2.7 Partnerships: Theme 3 Impact on learners QI 2.2 Curriculum: Theme 3 Learning pathways

	possible outcomes for all or		nent and Staffing: How good a	re we at ensuring the best
Key Issue/Challenge (why?)	What will solve the Issue/Challenge (what?)	Implementation Activities (how, when and who?)	Outcomes (what does success look like?)	Measurements (how will you know?)
Attendance is a challenge across the setting, and this is impacting the progress of our learners.	Confirm and share our attendance procedure with all families. EYO/EYP responsible for Attendance monitoring in rooms and working with families to remove potential barriers.	Work with parents/carers to confirm our attendance procedure and share with all stakeholders. Including attendance procedure as part of online welcome booklet for new families. Julia Hale (EYO) & Erika McDermott (EYP) to meet monthly to review attendance and identify those below 90%. Attendance procedure to be followed and feedback at staff meeting. A tracking tool developed to identify those most at risk for monitoring.	Attendance will improve across the setting. Families will feel supported to bring children to Nursery.	Attendance tracking & monitoring tool will track progress. Discussions with families to check that they understand the importance of attending ELC/School and feel they have the correct supports to do so.
An increase in the number of parents/carers seeking support for their families, however they can be reluctant to engage with professionals.	PEEP sessions to be delivered every term for identified families. Ongoing evaluation of PEEP planned for within our quality assurance calendar. Continue to offer Shared Breakfast and a range of Stay and Play opportunities to allow families to engage with their child within the setting.	Louise and Julia (EYOs) to contact families and deliver PEEP sessions (First group must begin in Sept 25, then ongoing) Louise and Julia to use Forms to gather feedback on sessions (at the end of each block/group) Family learning group to ensure all staff to offer a range of family participation	Parents/carers are attending PEEP sessions within our setting and they have a positive impact on their confidence. There is an increase in the number of parents attending Stay and Play/Shared Breakfast	Feedback from PEEP evaluations. Registers for Stay & Play?

		experiences within the		
		Nursery rooms. (ongoing)		
A lack of consistency in the use of strategies to effectively support all learners.	Sign-a-long and Hanen refresher session each year for all returning/new staff.	DHT to organise refreshers with Early Years Teacher (Jan 26)	All learners have the appropriate supports in place to help them regulate, thrive	Evidence of Up, Up and Away strategy bubbles.
	Ensure that all staff are aware of the processes to follow when concerns have been raised about a child/child's progress (Up, Up and Away, Strategy bubbles, Assessment of Need, CPM etc)	DHT to lead professional learning about GIRFEC procedures/paperwork (Nov 26)	and achieve their next steps. All staff feel confident in the GIRFEC procedures/paperwork, and these are in place for the children who require them to ensure support is carefully planned for.	Evidence of GIRFEC paperwork (if appropriate) in PLPs e.g. IEPs, Up, up and away, AoN etc. CPM calendar in place for setting. Evidence of Up, Up and Away
	All staff to be effectively using Intensive Interaction and Up, up and away to plan for individuals	All staff (by Dec 26)		strategies being shared at weekly meetings when reviewed.
	Visual supports consistently used across setting, including a Visual Supports 'champion'	ASLS to support professional learning (Jan 26)		
Policies and procedures must continually be updated with current legislation.	Update Changing a Child policy and share with all stakeholders All staff to develop their	Julia Hale (EYO) updating Changing a Child and sharing with staff (by Sept 25)	All children are safe and have their needs met within our setting.	Initial questionnaires about all legislation/policies & procedures to gather data about staff confidence in Aug 25 then revisit in April 26.
	understanding/confidence in administering medication procedures. All staff should be more	Lindsay Munro (EYO) to update staff on administering medication procedures (Feb 26) DHT and Early Years Teacher		Evidence these are being followed within daily observations and planned Shared Learning Visits.
	aware of Realising the Ambition and making links with our professional learning	to refer to RTÁ within Professional Learning Sessions around Planning and GIRFEC (ongoing)		
	All staff should become aware of the new joint			

framework from Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate, and use the support self-evaluation. All staff should be award the updated Setting the Table guidance and use to plan for mealtimes.	for Question of the Month with staff to help familiarise them with this (monthly – ongoing) of
Evaluation (January, May)	

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Learning Community Improvement Priority 1 2025-26			
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Person(s) Responsible			
Next Steps from Learning Community Evaluations			

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Learning Community Improvement Priority 2 2025-26			
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Next Steps from Learning			
Community Evaluations			

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