



# UPHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2018 / 2019

### **Factors Influencing the Improvement Plan**

#### **School Factors**

Addressing Action Points identified in school's Self Evaluation procedures

Cluster Improvement Plan

Consistency in learning and teaching, implementing recommendations of Improving Scottish Education

Flexible early learning and childcare implementation

#### **Local Authority Factors**

Moving Forward in Learning – Leadership for Improvement; Learning, Teaching and Assessment; Wellbeing and Inclusion; Early Years Framework

Raising attainment, including closing the gap

**Delivering Better Outcomes** 

Single Outcome agreement

Corporate Plan

Integrated Children's Services Plan (Life Stages)

**Education Services Management Plan** 

West Lothian's Early Years' Framework

West Lothian Parental Engagement Framework

Increased entitlement to early years' provision

#### **National Factors**

National Improvement Framework / Scottish Attainment Challenge / National Improvement Hub / Raising Attainment for All

Pupil Equity Funding

How Good is Our School? 4th Edition and How Good is Our Early Learning and Childcare

Getting it Right for Every child (GIRFEC)

Curriculum for Excellence

Developing Scotland's Young Workforce

**Building the Ambition** 

Standardised Assessments

Child Protection Issues / Guidance

National Legislation: Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

GTCS standards and professional update

Effective moderation processes (internal and external) to inform the achievement of a CfE level

Children and young people's assessments that are accurate and inform decisions and interventions and contribute to their progress and wellbeing



#### **Our School Vision**

At Uphall Primary children, staff and parents work actively and in partnership to enable all children to achieve their full potential.

## Together Everyone Achieves More: Uphall Promotes Success TEAM U.P.S.

#### **Our Values**

- **COMMUNITY**
- HONESTY
- RESILIENCE
- RESPECT
- RESPONSIBILITY
- TOLERANCE

#### **Our School Aims**

- To create a safe and enjoyable learning environment where children and staff can thrive and succeed and each individual's uniqueness is celebrated.
- To develop a progressive and challenging curriculum, which develops skills for life-long learning, which is meaningful, relevant, and enjoyable.
- To foster an ethos of effective partnership working with school, home, partner agencies and the wider community to empower our children.
- To promote a climate of creativity and innovation, resulting in children having a positive and resilient approach to learning and challenge





Uphall Primary School			Ensuring Excellence and Equity				
Desired outcomes linked to NIF priorities (observable, measurable outcomes which focus on learning, achievement and wellbeing)	NIF driver mapping (check as appropriate)	HGIOS4 QIs	Proposed Actions	By Whom	By When	Measures of Success (include performance data, quality indicators and stakeholders' views)	
Raising attainment for all:  1 Our schools culture of self-evaluation for continuous school improvement is well embedded.  Our Curriculum Rationale reflects the totality of the experiences we have on offer at Uphall Primary School.  2 Our learners will experience lessons which are consistent, appropriately paced and matched to their learning needs.  3 Our teachers use a range of assessment approaches for learners to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding, attributes and capabilities across the curriculum which creates a clear picture of pupil progress and attainment.	School Improvement □ School Leadership ⊠ Teacher Professionalism ⊠ Parental Engagement ⊠ Assess. Of Children's Progress ⊠ Performance Information	2.3 2.4 2.3 3.2	1.1 Focussed self-evaluation activities linked to HGIOS will be planned within QA programme. Focussed QI for 18-19:  1.2 Parents/Pupils will be invited to 4 self-evaluation Conversation café events throughout the year linked to identified QI's. Nursery Stay and Play Cafe  1.3 Revisit our 'Curriculum Rationale' – Design Principles. Explore staff knowledge and understanding of Curriculum and how the design principles look at Uphall. Revise and update within rationale. Early Years Nursery Staff to develop Rationale and Aims.  1.4 Create display & video visual representation of our school Curriculum Rationale and involve all stakeholders.  2.1 In-service 1 - Staff to reflect/evaluate progress on implementing 4 Part lesson plan. SLT to provide further training and reinforcement of the key messages: Connect, Activate, Demonstrate and Consolidate. Resource: 'Backwards Teaching'  3.1 Teachers continue with Tapestry AIFL TLC – embed strategies into day to day learning and teaching experiences. Particular focus on feedback.	HT HT SLT/Staf f/Parent s/Pupils PT DHT Tapestry Leaders Teachin g Staff	Aug '18 Oct '18 Aug' 18	Teacher feedback HGIOS Broad overview. Evidence of teacher/Pupils/Parent contribution to self- evaluation and knowledge of what is going well and next steps  Planning and assessment records reflect the design principles - Monitoring/feedback  Completed video - values, T&L, Learning experiences, wider experiences,  2.18.3.1  Classroom observations - SLT, Learning Walks, Teaching staff moderation in trios. 2.1 Learning and Teaching and assessment.	
Improvement in Literacy for all:  4 Our programmes of work and teaching methodology are progressive in developing skills and knowledge in reading and writing and provide children with appropriate challenge.  5 Our learning environments and resources support learner's engagement in reading.	School Improvement □School Leadership □Teacher Professionalism □Parental Engagement ⊠Assess. of Children's Progress ⊠Performance Information	2.3 3.2	<ul> <li>4.1 implement new reading and writing planners and tracking documents across the school.</li> <li>4.2 CLPL 1 Reflect/evaluate current teaching methodology and resources used to support reading and writing.</li> <li>4.3 CLPL 1 Introduce 'Thinking reader' approach to focus on comprehension skills in reading and the range of genre.</li> <li>4.4 CLPL 1 Implement and embed North Lanarkshire Active Literacy/Jolly Grammar methodology and progression across school. Implement Colourful Semantics at P1 and SFL.</li> </ul>	All teachers  All teachers  PT/Teaching staff	Aug '18 Sept '18	4.1-4.4  Teacher evaluation. Classroom observation Tracking and assessment data – Improved attainment and accuracy in reading assessment data	

6 Our learners will experience a progressive programme of French learning and teaching from nursery to P7.		<ul> <li>5.1 Working group 1 Develop activities and resources for use in areas outside classrooms and outside areas within the school to engage learning in literacy.</li> <li>6.1 Working Group 3 to create programme of work/progression from Early to second level in French.</li> <li>6.2 Pupil leadership team to plan for a French/Spanish week</li> </ul>	Class Teacher s	Dec '18	5.1 Pupil engagement /reading survey – start of session and end of term 2.
Improvement in Numeracy for all:  7 Our learners use a range of resources and tools to support them in maths and numeracy which supports increased attainment.  8 Our learners are able to use a range of strategies to solve maths and numeracy problems.	School Improvement □School Leadership □Teacher Professionalism □Parental Engagement ⊠Assess. of Children's Progress □Performance Information	7.1 Staff training and implementation of Numicon to support numeracy and the SEAL approach. (Date TBC - Term 2)  7.2 Working group 2 Audit of classroom resources and materials - concrete/pictorial that support learning and teaching. Create lists and pack resources to support learning in every classroom, using the SEAL approach.  7.3 Implement new maths planners and tracking documents.  7.4 Working group 2 Develop activities and resources for use in areas outside classrooms and outside areas within the school to engage learning in numeracy.  8.1 Working group 2 - Problem solving in maths and numeracy - Action enquiry - where are we, what do we need to do and plan for improvement - methodology, focussed strategies for stages and resources	All staff  Working Group 2  Class teachers  Working group	Oct '18 Mar '19	7.1-7.3 Increased attainment and accuracy in maths and numeracy. – Termly attainment data Increased pupil confidence in number – pupil survey Sept and Dec.  Plans for improvement, resources, methodology and planning in place. Pupil/class observations – use and confidence in
Improvement in all children and young people's wellbeing:  9 Our learners are well supported by staffs who understand the wellbeing indicators and nurturing principles to meet their needs.  Learners are more resilient and confident when faced with new or challenging situations.	School Improvement □School Leadership ⊠Teacher Professionalism ⊠Parental Engagement □Assess. of Children's Progress □Performance Information	9.1 RAG Self Evaluation Wellbeing indicators – CLPL 3  9.2 Pupil's GIRFEC Health and Well-being self -evaluation  9.3 Whole school nurture, resilience and adverse childhood experiences training. Cluster Focus In-service 2 - Reading 'When Adults Change Everything Changes'. PLG Implement small Tests of change.  9.4 In-service 1/Assembly 2 Implement emotion works and Cool in School across school. Whole school 2 week topic term 1 to launch.  9.5 Embed 'Do Be Mindful' training across the school community, with a focus on the mental wellbeing of our pupils linked with individual nurture principles	All Staff  All Staff  Health working Grp/All staff		9.1 -9.4 Self-evaluation data Staff self-evaluation – before and after test of change Classroom observations, pupil, parent evaluations.

Improvement in employability skills	⊠School Improvement	1.2				
and sustained, positive school leaver	⊠School Leadership	3.2	10.1 Develop and embed leadership teams and introduce	PT/	Feb	<u>10.1-11.2</u>
destinations for all young people:	⊠Teacher Professionalism	3.3	little voices in the nursery.	Pupils	'19	Pupil participation
	☐ Parental Engagement		10.2 Further develop pupil sports leaders at P6	-		and engagement
10 Our learners experience	□ Assess. of Children's Progress		10.3 Further develop prefect and house captain duties and			surveys.
opportunities to work in teams to lead	☐ Performance Information		roles.			Staff evaluation
aspects of learning and take			44.4 Develop automotica skilla nasanasian assaulta askaal	PT/CT	Dec'	Parent feedback
responsibility for aspects of school			11.1 Develop enterprise skills progression across the school	1 1/01	19	T diciti iccaback
improvement.			and continue to enhance our community partnerships.		13	
11 Creativity, entrepreneurship, STEM			Whole school Christmas Enterprise project.			
and innovation skills is becoming			11.2 Working group 4 STEM – action research project	OT.		
embedded across learning.			Audit resources and current school topics which are STEM	CT		A 12 A
chibeduca across learning.			related.	Lead		Audit, Annual IDL
			Plan STEM whole school IDL mini topic.			planner, feedback
			Update whole school context for learning plan to ensure			from parents and
			balance of STEM focus Early – Second level			partnerships.
			Further develop links within local companies, employers,			
12 Strong links within local			college and parent partnerships to support learning and			
community, business, church, sport			teaching.			
and Community/Family centres						Regular Stars /wish
			12.1 Build community links into whole school and nursery			feedback
			context/IDL plan	SLT		

## Additionality: Pupil Equity Funding Plan: Closing the attainment gap between the most and least advantaged children

#### PART 1: Contextual Data Analysis & Rationale

#### a) Background

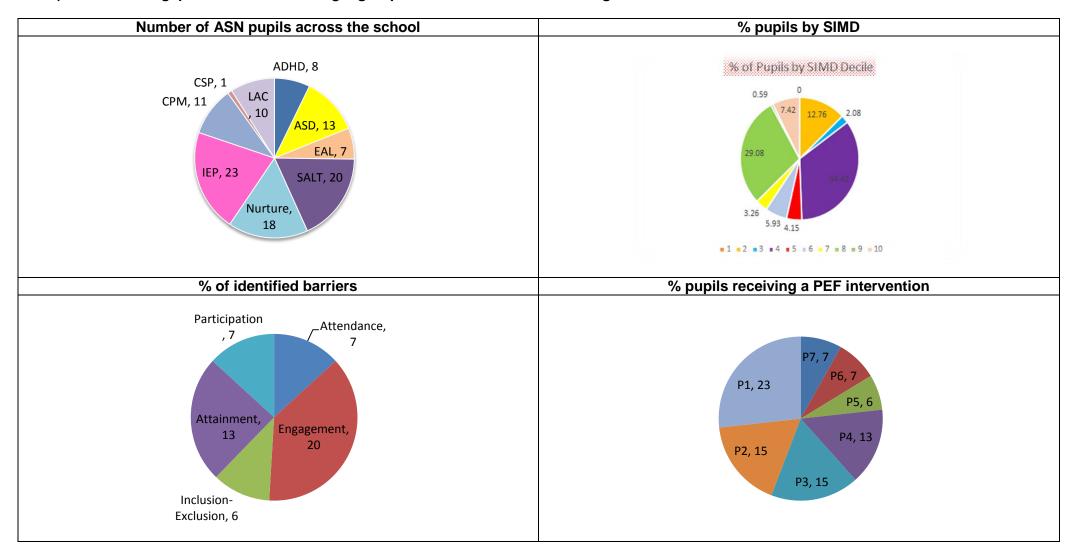
Uphall Primary School is a non-denominational school set within the village of Uphall. It serves the residents of Uphall and Ecclesmachan.

The school roll is 335 in the primary which is split into 13 classes. The nursery has 50 places in the morning and 30 places in the afternoon. There is teaching staff of 20 including a newly appointed Head Teacher in August 2017, a newly appointed Depute Head Teacher in May 2018 and two Principal Teachers (one PT temporary, February – June 2018). There is one probationer teacher. Reduced class contact time (RCCT)is delivered through Music, RME and French. The school is supported by a team of eight PSWs, one Administrative Assistant and one Clerical Assistant. We have a nurture group to support pupils from P1 – P3 as well as breakfast, lunch and break time nurture groups to support pupils with additional support needs. We also run a very popular and well attended breakfast club.

b) Data: Throughout last session termly tracking meetings helped us to support teachers in making more accurate judgements and identify gaps in learning and to identify possible interventions. Although there is a drop in attainment in P1 this session we believe that this is due to teachers making more accurate and robust judgements of pupil progress this session rather than an actual drop.

Stage	UPS Reading (2018)	UPS Reading (2017)	Writing (2018)	Writing (2017)	L & T (2018)	L & T (2017)	Numeracy (2018)	WL average (2016)
P1	81%	93%	88%	92%	88%	92%	93%	83%
P4	87%	82%	81%	78%	85%	82%	87%	67%
P7	85%	88%	88%	80%	95%	73%	85%	56%

#### c) What is our 'gap' and who are our target groups and their barriers to learning?



Our data would indicate that the target pupils are mainly in the Early Years and First level. The focus for intervention is around <u>attainment</u> and <u>engagement</u>. When we analysis in more depth, using a variety of assessment and observation, we find that there are gaps in early vocabulary which is impacting on attainment levels in literacy and across learning. There are also gaps with pupils in 1<sup>st</sup> level and 2<sup>nd</sup> level listening. Many of our identified PEF children have ASN and or struggle with confidence, self-esteem and independent learning skills. Several of these children struggle with social skills and emotional resilience which is reflected in many of their home situations.

## d) Summary/overview of proposal & non-negotiable outcomes PART 2: Actions & Outcomes

PEF Priority	Proposed Actions & Resources (These should be based around the organisers of Learning & Teaching, Leadership, and Families & Communities. Also consider activities within and beyond the classroom)	Stage/ Year Grp	What is the expected impact on reducing the gap in your context of your proposed actions? (What story will your data tell by end of next session? By June 2020? You should include any targets linked to data)	How will you measure the impact? (You must be specific here in terms of:  new and existing performance data and other quantitative and qualitative information that will be required  plans for how data will be collected and reported)
Literacy	Learning and Teaching     Speech and language therapist to work with identified pupils, SFL staff and teaching staff within nursery and P1-2 to deliver Box Clever and Black Sheep Narrative. PSW and SFL teacher to further support identified pupils.	P1-2	Barriers to learning -     Participation/Engagement/Attainment      Opportunities to expand language in a natural play environment with small groups of children.     Staff have guidance on specific areas of language to focus on during the play sessions     Increased confidence and ability to use language expressively in a relaxed manner.	Renfrew Wording Finding Assessment – measuring improvements in vocabulary after block of 8 weeks. Recorded on an improvement run chart.  Observation notes Bus Story (Assessment used pre and post intervention)
	<ul> <li>Speech and Language therapist to work alongside P2/3 class teachers to deliver 'teaching children how to listen'</li> </ul>	P3-4	P2/3 pupils will improve attention and listening skills and will be able incorporate this into everyday routines	Observations and feedback suggest marked improvements in attention and listening skills
	<ul> <li>Co-ordinated by Principal         Teacher     </li> <li>Further embed '5 minute Literacy' boxes with identified groups of children in P1-3.</li> </ul>	P1-3	<ul> <li>Improved pupil phonological skills, knowledge and application at early stages.</li> </ul>	5 minute boxes Initial baseline assessment with follow up termly assessment. Recorded on improvement run chart.
	<ul> <li>Develop 'Word Boost' bags to further enhance Word Boost programme for identified pupils within Enhanced Group and across school.</li> </ul>	P1-7 Targeted	<ul> <li>Improved pupil engagement, confidence and interest in reading in school and at home.</li> </ul>	Word Boost Bags/Waggy Dogs -     Reading engagement Scale survey:     staff, pupils and parents. Pre and
	<ul> <li>Further embed work with 'Waggy Dog' therapy dogs to support pupils with reading confidence and skills.</li> </ul>	P1-7 Targeted		Post. Block of 6 weeks.

	Leadership Pupils to be involved in Reading Ambassadors leadership team with Teacher Reading co-ordinator – further develop area libraries, organise promotional events for the whole school, Promote read of the week, audit resources, visits to Waterstones to select new books.	P1-7	Improved pupil confidence, engagement and interest in reading. Pupils will have a sense of ownership and pride in learning.	Pupil/Teacher reading engagement survey each term.
	<ul> <li>Families/Learning and Teaching</li> <li>Further develop Enhanced         Learning Groups for pupils who are         more than 3 years/1 full level         behind in literacy – Small groups of         6 pupils focussing on vocabulary,         phonic work, narrative and reading         confidence. Highly differentiated         and supported by a class teacher         and PSW. 3 mornings</li> </ul>	Identified pupils P3-7	Pupils will show increased confidence and skills with application of early and first level literacy and numeracy. Small steps showing progress in learning	<ul> <li>Leuven Scale – Participation/Engagement scale Pupils/Staff</li> <li>BPVS</li> <li>BIOS</li> <li>SEAL</li> <li>Renfrew wording finding scale</li> <li>Parent feedback</li> <li>Observations/recorded Teacher</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Families will be invited to support sessions every month to share pupil learning experiences and support them in helping their child at home.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Families feel confident in supporting their child's learning needs and engage with school more regularly.</li> </ul>	notes
Numeracy	Learning and Teaching SFL Team  Numicon training for all teachers which will support pupil's knowledge and understanding of number. Teachers to introduce to pupils.  Focussed support groups P4-7 for identified pupils	All Stages P4-7	Barriers to learning -     Participation/Engagement/Attainment     Pupils have an increased knowledge of number bonds and can use concrete materials successfully to support them in their learning.  Improved number bonds, place value and understanding of multiplication and division concepts to allow them to competently apply in their learning.	<ul> <li>SEAL assessments</li> <li>Teacher observations</li> <li>Attainment Data</li> <li>Evidence in pupil profile and assessments -Transfer/application of skills into day to day number work</li> <li>Numeracy pupil confidence survery</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Further embed '5 minute Numeracy' boxes with identified groups of children in P1-3.</li> </ul>	P1-3	<ul> <li>Improved early number bonds, understanding and confidence in using early mathematical vocabulary.</li> </ul>	

		Nursery –P7	<ul> <li>Parents feel more confident, knowledgeable and better equipped to support their child's learning in numeracy in maths at home.</li> <li>Pupils feel confident approaching parents to support them with maths</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Parent feedback</li> <li>Pupil feedback/Teacher observation on confidence and application of skills.</li> </ul>
Health and Wellbeing	<ul> <li>pupils focusing on understanding emotions, social skills and family learning.</li> <li>Do Be Mindful Programme – Staff, parents and pupils to take part in programme</li> <li>Emotion Works groups – Small groups</li> </ul>	P1-3 Whole school	<ul> <li>Pupils have increased confidence to express and understand their emotions and anxieties and that of others. Pupils will further develop their social interaction skills which positively impacts on relationships across the school and at home.</li> <li>Pupils, staff and parents will be able to manage stress and emotions to help them enjoy better relationships and enjoy improved wellbeing.</li> <li>Pupils to have a better understanding of their emotions, and that of others, and are able to manage their behaviour appropriately showing increased resilience.</li> <li>Pupils will be able to cope with significant changes in their lives, using strategies developed through group work</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strengths and difficulties questionnaire - termly</li> <li>Boxhall Profile – pre and end block</li> <li>Leaven Scale – pupils/staff – weekly check in for pupils</li> <li>Run charts to show improvement and to identify any trends to inform future improvement/support</li> <li>Emotional Check-in – weekly</li> <li>Pupil, teacher and parent observation</li> </ul>
	. \\\\\ a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	Whole School	<ul> <li>Universally support all pupils to become confident, happy and resilient individuals at school and out with Improved attainment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teacher evaluations/observations</li> <li>Tracking and monitoring GIRFEC indicators.</li> </ul>
	with Publis with ASN and make	Identified Pupils	Pupils feel understood listened to and their needs are supported by all staff.	<ul> <li>Termly one to one Pupil/PSW review.</li> <li>Parent feedback and updated termly</li> <li>SLT observations</li> </ul>

	Principal Teacher- co-ordinate  • Embed nurture Breakfast /Lunchtime/Playtimes groups - 'Breakfast Group' "Lunch Bunch', 'Garden Gang' to support identified pupils struggling in busy situations, ASN, ASD, attendance or social and emotional challenges.	Pupil focus grp	<ul> <li>Pupils will be able to transition into school confidently, with reduced incidences of late coming</li> <li>Leuven Scale – Participation/Engagement scale Pupils/Staff</li> <li>Parent feedback forms</li> <li>Observation</li> <li>Attendance data – reviewed termly</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Develop 'Bear policy' with pupils, staff and parents which will help to support pupils' emotional needs.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Pupils will have increased confidence and ability to share their worries within school knowing that they are being heard, cared for and loved</li> <li>Pupils feedback</li> <li>SLT, Staff and parent consultation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>'Respect Me' staff training and launch across school.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>All pupils, in particular our vulnerable pupils, will be knowledgeable when using technology and able to stay safe</li> <li>Pupil feedback and assessment</li> <li>Observation by parents/carers and teachers</li> </ul>
Across Learning	<ul> <li>Continue to develop our two 'Enhanced Support groups' to support pupils in learning important life skills, confidence to learn and provide wider experiences.</li> </ul>	P3-7	<ul> <li>Pupils will show increased confidence and skills with application of early and first level across the curriculum. Small steps showing progress in learning</li> <li>Leuven Scale – Participation/Engagement scale Pupils/Staff</li> <li>BPVS</li> <li>BIOS</li> <li>SEAL</li> <li>Renfrew wording finding scale</li> <li>Parent feedback</li> <li>Observations/recorded Teacher notes</li> </ul>
	Principal Teacher- co-ordinate     Support pupils learning by providing them with wider learning experiences out with the curriculum CfE. e.g. community clubs, trips, taster sessions and events	Whole school	<ul> <li>Identified pupils will have increased opportunities to engage with and experience different activities impacting positively on learning supporting them to develop within the four CfE capacities</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Further improve Pupils Voice and Leadership – all pupils to be involved in Leadership Groups. Increased pupil involvement in evaluating their learning experiences/engagement/participat ion.</li> </ul>	Whole school	<ul> <li>Increased pupil involvement and sense ownership and belonging. Pupils to feel valued and voice is listened to and heard.</li> <li>Pupil evaluations</li> <li>Pupil enjoyment scales start and end</li> </ul>
Cluster Professional Learning (bespoke)	Focus on Health and Wellbeing: Wellbeing. Small Tests of Change within PLG linked to text 'When Adults Change Everything Changes' All staff to have opportunity to see screening of 'Resilience' Further develop knowledge and understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences See Cluster Improvement Plan		