

Strategic Improvement Priorities over 3 year cycle

Timescale:

Strategic Priority	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
1.	To raise attainment in Literacy and specifically in Writing by implementing new Writings approaches.	To raise attainment in Literacy and specifically in Writing by further implementing new Writings approaches.	To raise attainment in Literacy and specifically in Writing by embedding new Writings approaches.
2.	Review and begin to develop interdisciplinary planning across early, first and second level.	Further develop application of skills through interdisciplinary learning.	Review and develop skills and digital technologies across all areas of learning.
3.	To develop a community of faith and learning.	To promote an including ethos.	To review the provision of religious education programmes.

Context of school

St Mary's Primary is a Roman Catholic School in the growing town of Larkhall in South Lanarkshire. Our total school roll is currently 82 over 4 classes. There is no early year's provision within the school. The local area is a mixture of social and privately owned housing. Access to transport and facilities is relatively good and the area has been heavily invested in over the last few years. The new school building was opened in 2014 and provides an excellent, modern environment in which our children can learn and achieve. It comprises 4 classrooms, an open plan learning area, ICT suite, library and a dual purpose dining/assembly hall. The school is part of Our Lady of Fatima Parish along with St John's Primary Blackwood and both schools work closely with Father Wyllie.

The school is part of the Holy Cross Learning Community. The Learning Community has developed very positive working relationships, recently focussing on serving the common good as part of Developing Our Faith.

Our school vision is A Place to GROW where everyone Gives their best, Respect one another, Overcomes obstacles and Works together. We aspire to become a school that delivers high quality teaching and learning underpinned by continuous self-evaluation. Our curriculum is driven by three key principles - ensuring high quality learning experiences are provided for all learners and all pupils achieve, ensuring that promoting positive wellbeing is embedded throughout our school and that parents/carers feel involved and valued in supporting our learners. Our values are hard work, honesty, faith, kindness and friendship. We firmly believe that every pupil can grow to be the best that they can be and as a school we are committed to working in partnership with all our stakeholders. Our curriculum is designed to ensure all children are supported in their learning through our attachment informed practice. We embrace a play-based learning environment in our early primary stages.

We have a very active and engaged Parent Council who play an integral role in school improvement, through fundraising and also by taking forward aspects of the school improvement plan. We have strong community links with SLC Active Schools and The Machan Trust.