

## School Improvement Planning

Midlothian council is committed to the creation of a world class education system through excellence and equity. Penicuik High School, alongside senior education staff, works to ensure we meet the drivers in the National Improvement Framework set out by the Scottish Government.

Our vision is to provide the highest quality inclusive education and learning for all individuals and families in Penicuik. To realise this vision we will:

- Give all our children the best possible start in life, providing a nurturing and inclusive learning environment.
- Ensure that every young person has the opportunity to be a successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and an effective contributor.
- Work with our communities to promote high expectations which deliver the best educational outcomes for all learners.
- Celebrate diversity, reduce inequalities and remove barriers to learning.

Our annual Standards and Quality Improvement Plan (the current Parent version on the website is for Session 2019-20) is based on the Education Authorities Service plan and is linked to the Scottish Government's National Improvement Framework (NIF). Within the process we have evaluated our successes and achievements over the last twelve months and this is the Standard and Quality Report section. This gives us an opportunity to review all aspects of our work and share our successes. The process also enables us to evaluate areas where we are focused on making improvements through the goals and targets set for the upcoming academic year.

The 4 National Improvement Framework priorities are:

### **Priority 1**

Improvement in attainment, particularly literacy and numeracy

### **Priority 2**

Closing the attainment gap between most and least disadvantaged children

### **Priority 3**

Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing

### **Priority 4**

Improvement in employability skills and sustained, positive school leaver destinations for all young people

Staff within the school work hard to provide an outstanding service for our pupils, often going above and beyond to ensure they receive a high quality education coupled with countless extracurricular opportunities.

At time when education sectors are experiencing multiple challenges in relation to constrained funding, major curricular changes, and an ever widening role of education services within the community; it is important to highlight the excellent practice which takes place within Penicuik High School, and across Midlothian, and encourage everyone to celebrate and share their successes.

