

Ballacottier School Strategic Plan

2024 – 2027



Isle of Man
Government

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Our Values



Be safe

Be respectful

Be ready

Vision

We actively involve parents and our local community.

We promote kindness and tolerance.

We prepare pupils for tomorrow's world.

We provide an inclusive, nurturing learning environment.

We strive for academic excellence.

We take pride in our achievements inside and outside the classroom.

We learn from mistakes together.

We foster strong, supportive relationships.

We prioritise wellbeing for all.

We create happy memories through positive experiences.





Our Strategic Plan

At Ballacottier School our strategic plan is rooted in the shared values of excellence, inclusivity, and collaboration that align with those of the Department of Education, Sport and Culture. We are committed to ensuring positive outcomes for all pupils, embracing a holistic approach to education that nurtures both academic achievement and personal growth. By fostering resilience, curiosity, and kindness, we aim to develop well-rounded, confident learners who are prepared for future challenges. As a unique school within an island setting, we recognize the importance of our community's close-knit nature and the opportunity it provides for meaningful partnerships. Our collaboration with the South Douglas cluster schools strengthens our collective ability to share resources, expertise, and best practices. Together, we strive to offer a rich, diverse, and supportive learning environment that meets the needs of all our students while reflecting our local culture and values.

This strategic plan outlines our key priorities in teaching, pupil support, and community engagement, ensuring that every child at Ballacottier School receives the care, attention, and opportunities they need to succeed and thrive.



Strategic Priorities

- High Quality Education for all
- Outstanding Learning Environments
- Working Together
- Personal Growth and Wellbeing

High Quality Education for all

The provision of high-quality teaching, to ensure all our children make and exceed expected progress, whilst experiencing learning that excites and challenges them

Goal 1 A well-planned and innovative curriculum that engages learners and results in high achievement outcomes.

Objective 1.1

Talk For Writing approach to be used across the school to raise standards of writing.

Objective 1.2

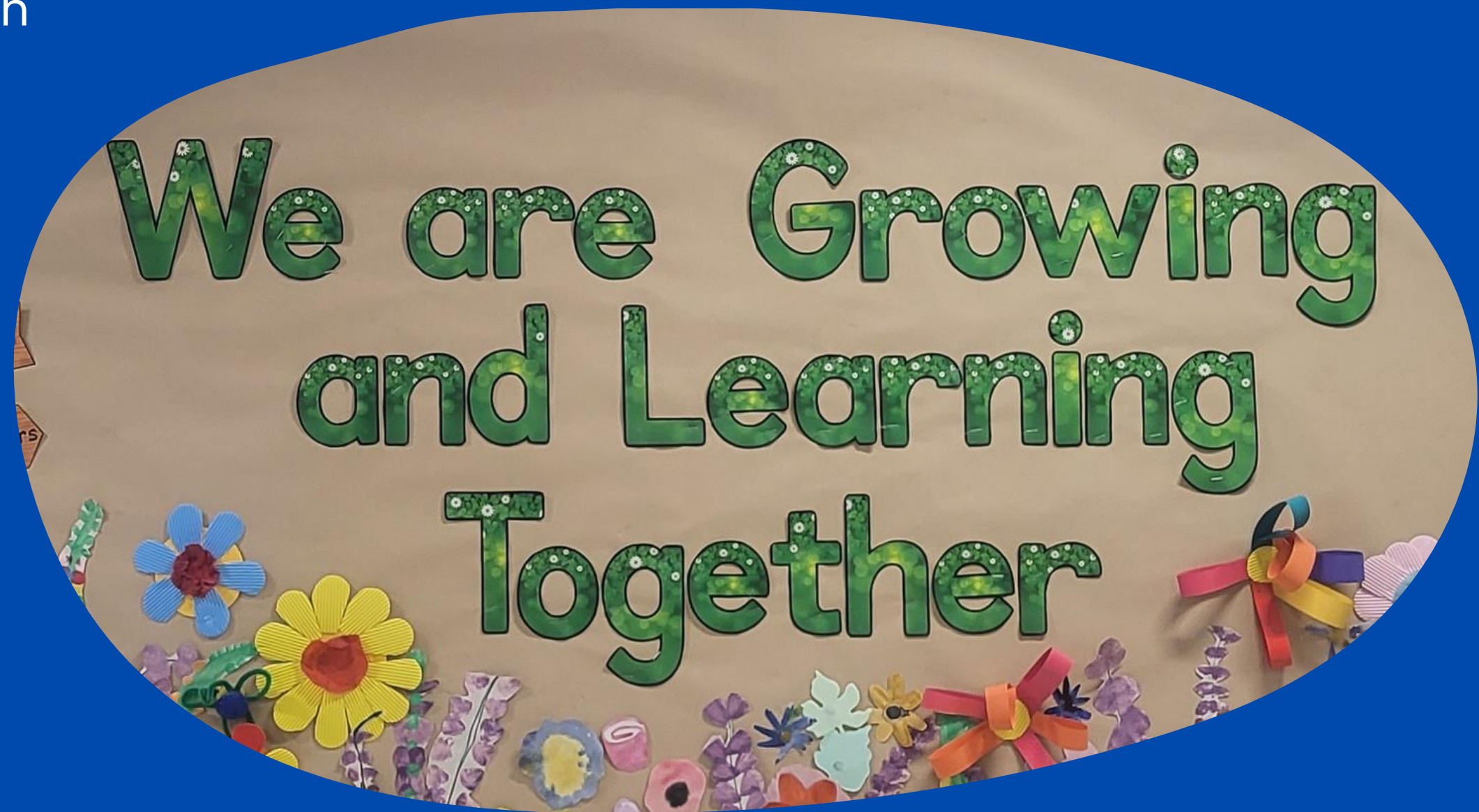
DESC Curriculums for core subjects are to be introduced and developed with the aim of raising pupil attainment and enabling excellent progress.

Objective 1.3

School Leaders to use a Cluster Model to develop shared policy and procedure in South Douglas schools.

Objective 1.4

To develop Quality Assurance practices across the school and take part in external validation.



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Goal 2 A curriculum that allows all pupils to experience success at their own level of ability.

Objective 2.1

Bespoke mainstream provision for SPC pupils meeting individual needs and promoting inclusion.

Objective 2.2

Implement a new curriculum devised for Rainbow pupils and review its impact.

Objective 2.3

Use the Evisense Assessment Tool to record progress of pupils who are not following National Curriculum objectives.

Outstanding Learning Environment

The provision of stimulating and motivating learning spaces that meet the unique needs of all learners

Goal 3 An environment that supports learning and wellbeing

Objective 3.1

Positive, relaxed, lunchtimes with improved dining experiences for pupils.

Objective 3.2

Outdoor and indoor spaces for pupils to have quiet time to enhance both play and learning.

Objective 3.3

Review the SPC outdoor space to ensure it meets the needs of pupils and enhances their experiences.



Working Together

Welcome and encourage the interest and involvement of parents, governors and other members of our local community into the life of the school

Goal 4 To improve communication, reporting to parents and involvement

Objective 4.1

The Safer Schools App will be used to provide a safer and securer method to share information and communicate with parents.

Objective 4.2

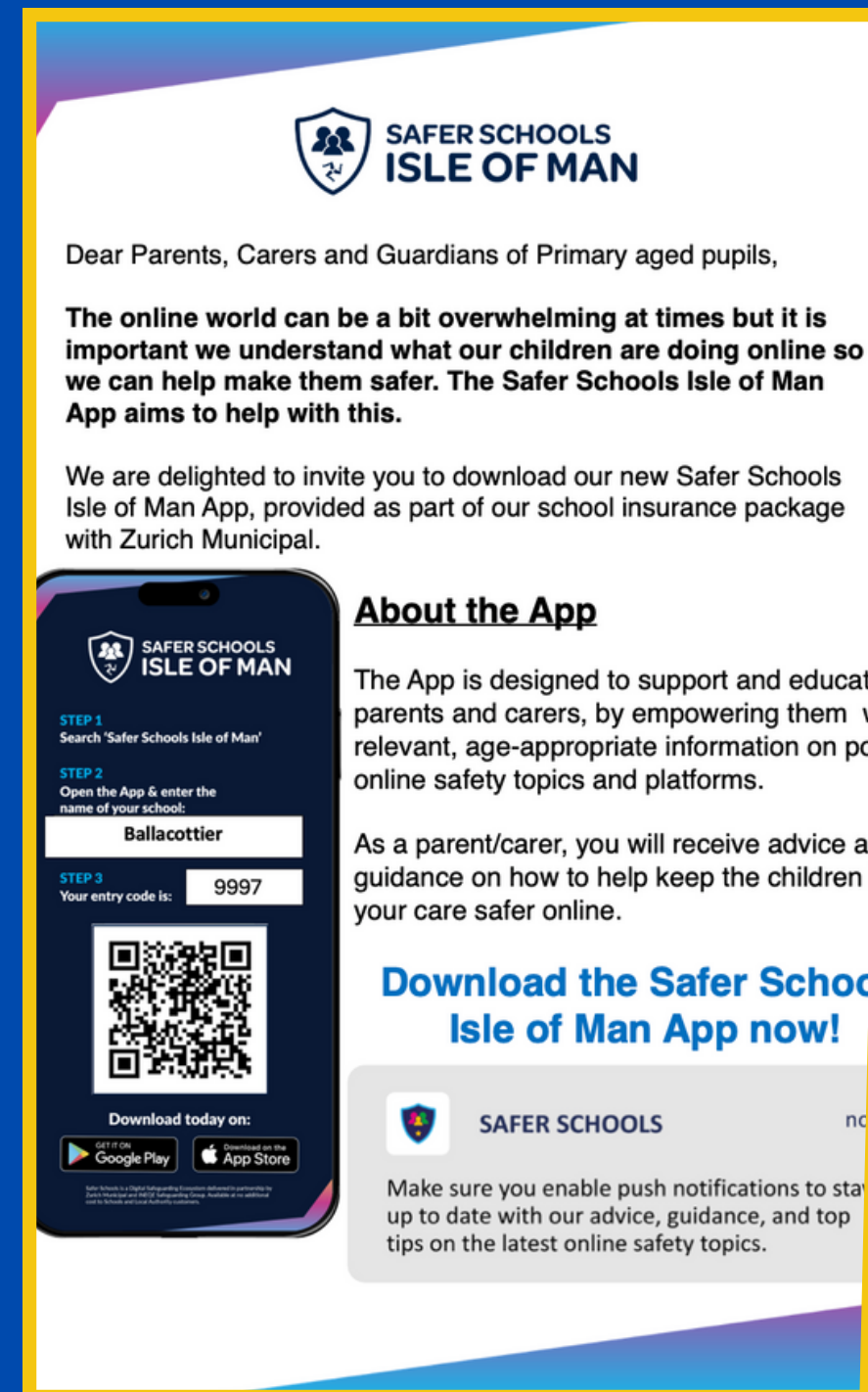
Termly Attainment Reports and core subject targets to be shared with parents.

Objective 4.3

Staff and parents to collaborate on fundraising events for the school.

Objective 4.4

Improving Home Learning to develop and increase engagement.



SAFER SCHOOLS ISLE OF MAN

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians of Primary aged pupils,

The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools Isle of Man App aims to help with this.

We are delighted to invite you to download our new Safer Schools Isle of Man App, provided as part of our school insurance package with Zurich Municipal.

About the App

The App is designed to support and educate parents and carers, by empowering them with relevant, age-appropriate information on popular online safety topics and platforms.

As a parent/carer, you will receive advice and guidance on how to help keep the children in your care safer online.

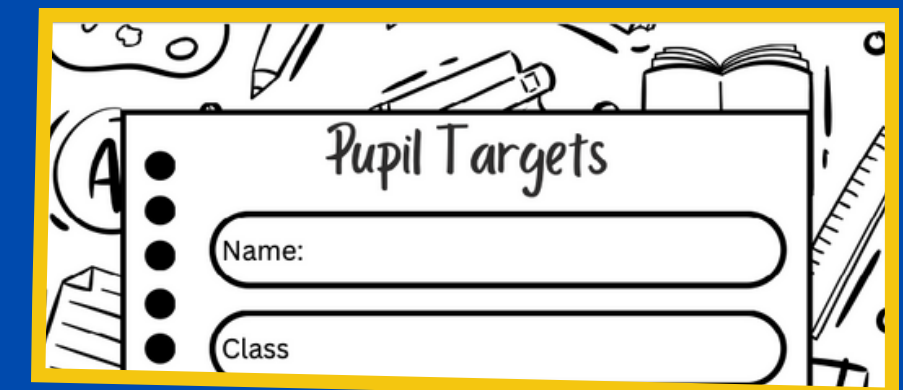
Download the Safer Schools Isle of Man App now!

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Make sure you enable push notifications to stay up to date with our advice, guidance, and top tips on the latest online safety topics.

App Interface:

- STEP 1: Search 'Safer Schools Isle of Man'
- STEP 2: Open the App & enter the name of your school: Ballacottier
- STEP 3: Your entry code is: 9997



Pupil Targets

Name: _____

Class: _____



Fundraising Meeting

Thank you to the parents and staff who came to the Ballacottier School Fundraising Meeting yesterday. We have agreed a number of events for the year which will hopefully provide family fun and some much needed funds for the school.

If you have a work based fundraising programme that might be interested in helping support us, we would love to hear from you!

Autumn Term
Hop-Tu-Naa Disco
Cosy Night

Spring Term
Family Bingo Night
Book Bring and Buy

Summer Term
Car Boot Sale

It would be great if we could have one parent from each

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Goal 5 To develop closer links with the local community

Objective 5.1

School led events to be organised where pupils can give something back to the local community.

Objective 5.2

Parents and local businesses to inspire futures and career pathways by sharing their experiences with pupils.

Objective 5.3

Further develop financial awareness and 'enterprise' across the school - forging links to local businesses.

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Goal 6 To develop the role of Governance within the school

Objective 6.1

Ballacottier to pilot new procedures for School Governors before being shared more widely.

Objective 6.2

Governors will begin to be involved in monitoring actions from the School Improvement Plan and contribute to the Quality Assurance process.



Personal Growth and Wellbeing

To sustain our school culture of respect and inclusion where diversity is celebrated, and where pupils' interests and talents are nurtured

Goal 7 To ensure our school demonstrates our three key values

Objective 7.1

Revisit and review our Relationships Policy, procedures, and lived experiences to ensure they reflect our values.

Objective 7.2

Review the PSHE & RSE Curriculum with pupils and parents and ensure quality provision.

Objective 7.3

Introduce an island wide system for recording and sharing safeguarding information.



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Goal 8 To provide aspirational and enriching experiences for pupils

Objective 8.1

Increase the number of visitors in school and trips off-site to provide relevance to learning and new experiences.

Objective 8.2

Develop Physical Education experiences with a dedicated Sport Coach to personalise learning to meet pupils' needs.

Objective 8.3

Provision of a wide range of musical experiences and opportunities for pupils.

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Goal 9 To encourage and support pupil voice and involvement in school development

Objective 9.1

School Council to review pupil opinions and experiences to inform positive change.

Goal 10

Build a coaching culture within school.

Objective 10.1

Staff and pupils are encouraged to find solutions, summarise and reflect – growing a sense of belonging and empowerment.

