

# Bearsden Academy School

## Improvement Plan: A Guide for Parents (2025-2026)

At Bearsden Academy, we are always working to provide the best possible learning experience for our students. This document is a simple guide to our main goals for the upcoming school year and explains how parents and carers can play a vital role in helping us achieve them. Our vision is to be "committed to excellence by working together to be all we can be."

### Priority 1: Promoting and moderating skills across the curriculum

We want to get better at recognising and developing the wide range of skills our students have. This means looking not just at subject knowledge, but also at skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and digital literacy.

What we are planning to do	How does this involve parents?
<b>Introduce Digital Badges:</b> We will use a new system to award students "digital badges" for their achievements and skills, helping them build a record of their successes.	Look out for information on how your child is earning badges. You can encourage them to take part in activities that develop new skills.
<b>Create a "Digital Launchpad":</b> We're building an online space for every subject with resources to support learning at home.	We will be adding "Family Learning Resources" to the launchpad. We'll ask for your feedback on whether these resources are helpful and easy for you and your child to use at home.
<b>Improve How We Assess Learning:</b> Teachers will work together to ensure that their assessment of student work is consistent across different subjects.	You can be part of our parent focus groups that look at Learning & Teaching, helping to shape how we approach student learning.

### Priority 2: Leadership and Community Involvement

We believe that our school is strongest when everyone has a voice. This year, we are focusing on creating more opportunities for students, parents, and staff to take on leadership roles and contribute to school improvement.

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<b>Offer a Parent Leadership Programme:</b> We will run a programme for parents interested in learning more about the school and developing their own leadership skills.	You can join this programme! It's a great way to meet other parents, learn about our school's priorities, and lead on projects that matter to you. Look for the calendar of events published in August.
<b>Involve the Community in School Improvement:</b> We will share our progress openly and work with parents and students to review our plans and make decisions.	You can join our "Tripartite Improvement Teams" where parents, staff, and students work together. You'll get to see the data, discuss our priorities, and help us decide on the next steps for the school.
<b>Expand Student Leadership Roles:</b> We will increase the number of official leadership awards available to students from their first year right up to S6.	Encourage your child to take on leadership opportunities, whether it's in a club, a class project, or a formal programme like the John Muir Award. Celebrate their initiative and growing confidence.
<b>Aim for Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award:</b> We are working towards the top award for putting the rights of young people at the heart of our school.	Your feedback and involvement help provide the evidence we need to show that we are respecting and promoting the rights of every child at Bearsden Academy.

### Priority 3: Supporting Student Wellbeing and Progress

We want to ensure every student feels supported and is making good progress. We are improving the way we track both academic achievement and personal wellbeing, allowing us to provide the right support at the right time.

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<b>Improve Tracking and Support:</b> We will use school data more effectively to identify students who may need extra help and provide targeted support.	We will keep you informed about your child's progress. Teachers will use more data points to help plan effective interventions.
<b>Focus on Attendance:</b> We will be reviewing our attendance procedures to ensure we can work together effectively to support students who are often late or absent.	We hope to make information sharing around latecoming and attendance easy and useful for parents.

<p><b>Develop a "Plurilingual Hub":</b> We are creating a dedicated space and more resources to support students who speak multiple languages or are learning English.</p>	<p>If this applies to your family, encourage your child to use the hub and take advantage of the support available. This will help them gain qualifications that recognise their language skills.</p>
<p><b>Involve Parents in Reviewing Our Progress:</b> We will use our parent focus groups to help us check how we are doing and plan our next steps.</p>	<p>You can join our "Tripartite Improvement Teams" to review our progress in supporting students and help shape the future direction of the school.</p>