

Child Rights and Wellbeing Screening Sheet for Scottish Attainment Challenge 2022/2023 - 2025/2026

March 2022

1. Brief Summary

Scottish Attainment Challenge 2022/2023 – 2025/2026 has been developed in partnership with and agreed by COSLA and builds on the evidence set out in the Scottish Government and Education Scotland [5 year report](#) on progress towards closing the poverty-related attainment gap, the [Equity Audit](#), the [Audit Scotland report](#) on educational outcomes, and the [OECD review](#). It will continue to provide support for children and young people impacted by poverty through funding to local authorities, Pupil Equity Funding, Care Experienced Children and Young People funding and a number of national programmes. The main aim of the policy is to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate progress in closing the attainment gap.

This policy aims to support children and young people and mitigate the impacts of poverty on educational attainment.

2. What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people up to the age of 18?

All elements of this policy will affect children and young people¹ in Scotland who are registered at a local authority, independent or grant-aided school. They are generally between 5 and 18 years of age. The main consideration will be to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate the impact of reducing the poverty related attainment gap.

3. What likely impact – direct or indirect – will the policy/measure have on children and young people?

The measures within this policy will all have a direct impact on all children and young people in Scotland who are registered at a local authority, independent or grant-aided school. The main themes to consider will be the impact of investment to Local Authorities and headteachers to implement mitigations to support recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic. The policy aims to accelerate progress in closing the poverty related attainment gap for disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils, children and young people in care and improve all pupils' health and wellbeing.

4. Which groups of children and young people will be affected?

All groups of children and young people will be affected by this policy, particularly those identified to be impacted by poverty related barriers to education and achievement.

¹ The term children is used within this document to refer to children and young people who usually attend a local authority, grant-aided or independent school, up to the age of 18. It is acknowledged that some young people attend Scotland's local authority schools and are 19 years of age. The scope of this assessment includes those who are aged 18, but the impacts are likely to be the same. In education law the term child applies to a child who is up to the age of 15 years. From the age of 16+ the person is considered to be a young person

Further consideration will be given to some groups, including;

- those with additional support needs
- looked after children

5. Is a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment required?

Yes. This policy area requires a CRWIA to be completed due to the impact of areas of the policy on all children and young people in Scotland.

6. Sign & Date

Policy Lead Signature & Date of Sign Off: Learning Directorate: Scottish Attainment Challenge Policy Unit – 22 March 2022

Deputy Director Signature & Date of Sign Off: Alison Taylor, Deputy Director, Improvement, Attainment and Wellbeing - 22 March 2022



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