

Evaluation Attainment Scotland Fund –School survey questionnaire Authorities programme

Introduction to the survey

Thank you for taking part in this survey about the *Attainment Scotland Fund*, the funding your school and/or local authority has been granted as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge since 2015.

1. How clear do you find the aim(s) of the Attainment Scotland Fund?

- Very clear
- Somewhat clear
- Neither clear nor unclear
- Somewhat unclear
- Very unclear
- I don't know

2. Please describe, in your own words, the aim(s) of the Attainment Scotland Fund: [open question]

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3. The Attainment Scotland Fund aims to close the poverty-related attainment gap, by focusing on improving numeracy and literacy attainment and health and wellbeing of pupils living in poverty. How much do you agree with this aim?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- I don't know

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4. [Only if respondents answered neither/Disagree/Strongly disagree to 3:] Why do you not agree with this aim? What do you think the focus should be? (open question)

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The funding supports schools and local authorities to implement various different types of initiatives that aim to improve literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. For example professional learning opportunities, nurture groups, additional staff, new teaching tools or resources, parental engagement initiatives, family learning initiatives, etc.

5. Does your school receive support through the Attainment Scotland Fund for any initiatives and, if so, how many initiatives are being supported?

- None
- Yes, please state how many:
- I don't know whether my school is involved in any initiatives supported through the Attainment Scotland Fund

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[Only for respondents who chose 'Yes, please state how many:' in question 5]:

6. Please list the initiative(s) that are supported by the Attainment Scotland fund in/for your school: [open question]

[Only for respondents who chose 'none' or 'I don't know' in question 5]:

7. For what reason? [open question] – and then the survey will close for these respondents:

8. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.

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Questions 9 and 10 are only for respondents who mentioned initiatives in question 5:

9. How many of these initiative(s) are:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	More than 6
New in your school after the launch of the Attainment Scotland Fund in 2015:								
A scale-up of an initiative that already existed before the launch of the Attainment Scotland Fund:								
Continuing, at the same level, an initiative that already existed before the launch of the Attainment Scotland Fund:								

10. Within the focus on numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing, how many of the initiative(s) are aiming to improve:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	More than 6
Leadership skills:								
Collaboration within the school or across schools:								
Data skills or use:								
Self-improvement and/or improvement planning:								
Teaching skills or practice:								
Resources or tools for teaching or learning:								
The learning environment:								
Family learning:								
Parental or community engagement with the school:								
Other:								

[Question 11 is only for respondents who selected one or more initiatives in the 'other' column for 10]

11. Please tell us what 'other' areas initiative(s) are aiming to improve:

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12. So far, have you seen improvement in closing the poverty-related gap in literacy attainment, numeracy attainment or health and wellbeing in your school as a consequence of the Attainment Scotland Fund initiative(s)?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- No
- I don't know

13. Are you expecting to see improvement in closing the poverty-related gap in literacy attainment, numeracy attainment or health and wellbeing in your school in the coming five years as a consequence of the Attainment Scotland Fund initiative(s)?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- No
- I don't know

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Question 14. is only for respondents who say they have not seen improvement or do not expect improvement (or indicate that they do not know):

14. What do you think are the main barriers in making the initiative(s) successful in closing the poverty-related gap in literacy attainment, numeracy attainment or health and wellbeing in your school? [open question]

Questions 15, 16 and 17 are only for respondents who say they have seen improvement or expect to see improvement:

15. What do you think are the main factors that are helping the initiative(s) to succeed in improving the poverty-related gap in literacy attainment, numeracy attainment or health and wellbeing in your school? [open question]

16. Can you share any learning on what has not worked well in improving the poverty-related gap in literacy attainment, numeracy attainment or health and wellbeing? [open question]

17. Do you expect that the improvement in the poverty-related gap in literacy attainment, numeracy attainment or health and wellbeing in your school as a consequence of the Attainment Scotland Fund initiative(s) will be sustainable beyond the years of the funding?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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Question 18. is only for respondents who answered no to question 17:

18. For what reason do you not expect that the improvement will be sustainable? [open question]

Question 19. is only for respondents who answered yes to question 17:

19. For what reason do you expect that the improvement will be sustainable? [open question]

Question 20. is only for respondents who answered 'I don't know' to question 17:

20. Why are you in doubt about this? [open question]

21. Do you think the numbers of staff in your school working collaboratively to improve their practice have increased as a result of the fund?

- Yes, there has been a large increase as a result of the fund
- Yes, there has been a small increase as a result of the fund
- Yes, there has been an increase, but I don't think it is as a result of the fund
- No, there has been no increase
- I am not sure

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Question 22. is only for respondents who answered yes to question 21:

22. Please tell us why you think this change has happened: [open question]

Question 23. is only for respondents who answered no to question 21:

23. Please tell us why you think this change hasn't happened: [open question]

24. Did your participation in the fund have any UNINTENDED positive consequences?

- No
- Yes, namely:

25. Did your participation in the fund have any unintended negative consequences

- No
- Yes, namely:

26. What do you think is working well in the national and/or local governance and organisation of the Attainment Scotland Fund, and the support you receive from the Scottish Government, Education Scotland, your Attainment Advisor and/or your local authority? [open question]

27. What do you think could be improved in the national and/or local governance and organisation of the Attainment Scotland Fund, and the support you receive from the

Scottish Government, Education Scotland, your Attainment Advisor and/or your local authority? [open question]

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Question 27.1 and 27.2 were only displayed to North Ayrshire schools – these questions were sent in by the LA to include in the survey

27.1 Are there any other areas of training you would require which would be covered by the Attainment Challenge Initiative? [open question]

27.2 What have been the highlights of the Attainment Scotland Fund for your school thus far? [open question]

Finally, we would like to ask a few questions about the Raising Attainment For All (RAFA) programme and the School Improvement Partnership Programme (SIPP).

28. Is your school involved in RAFA and/or SIPP, or have you or your school been involved in one of those programmes in the past?

- Yes, in both RAFA and SIPP
- Yes, in RAFA
- Yes, in SIPP
- Neither
- I don't know

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Only for respondents who answered yes to 28 on RAFA:

29. Do you think your prior involvement in the RAFA programme has been useful for your work as part of the Attainment Scotland Fund?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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Only for respondents who answered yes to 29:

30. What aspect(s) of the RAFA programme have been most useful for your Attainment Scotland Fund work, and how has it been useful? [open question]

Only for respondents who answered no to 29:

31. Why not? [open question]

Only for respondents who answered yes to 28 on SIPP:

32. Do you think your prior involvement in the SIPP programme has been useful for your work as part of the Attainment Scotland Fund?

- Yes

- No
- I don't know

Only for respondents who answered yes to 32:

33. What aspect(s) of the SIPP programme have been most useful for your Attainment Scotland Fund work, and how has it been useful? [open question]

Only for respondents who answered no to 32:

34. Why not? [open question]

End of survey

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.