

Children who will be five on or before 28 February 2019 are eligible to be enrolled for Primary 1 starting August 2018. Enrolment will take place in the week commencing 29 January 2018.

### **Which children are automatically admitted to primary school?**

Only children whose fifth birthday falls between 1 March 2018 and the last day of February 2019 will automatically be admitted to Primary 1 in August 2018.

### **What is deferred entry?**

If your child's birthday is between September 2018 and February 2019 (e.g. still 4 years old on the school start date in August 2018) you are entitled to defer entry to primary school if you believe your child is not ready for school. Only children whose birthdays fall in January or February will be considered for funding for a subsequent year at nursery, unless there are special circumstances. Further information is available in the 'Guidance on Deferred and Early Entry to School' available online at

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school\\_enrolment](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school_enrolment)

### **When do I enrol my child for school?**

If your child is due to start school in August 2018, they should be enrolled at their catchment area primary school. We recommend that you complete the online form at

[http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school\\_enrolment](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school_enrolment)

Local newspaper advertisements issued in January each year provide full details on how to enrol your child.

### **Which is my local school?**

Each school has a defined geographical catchment area (with the exception of denominational and Gaelic Medium schools) and normally your child will attend your local catchment area primary school. School catchment maps are available online, you can search for your nearest schools at

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/678/school\\_catchment\\_maps](https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/678/school_catchment_maps)

### **Can I request a school other than my local school?**

You may make a placing request for your child to attend a school other than your local school. Information on placing requests can be found on the website. It is important, however, that your child is registered at their local catchment area school in advance of making a placing request application. Please note too that if a placing request is granted, transport is the responsibility of parents.



### **What are the arrangements for starting school?**

Primary 1 pupils should attend the full infant day from day 1 of the school session in August 2018.

There is, however, some flexibility for Head Teachers to have a reduced infant day for Primary 1 pupils for the first two weeks of the school session.

Detailed arrangements for this will be agreed within Associated School Groups in order to avoid any local, practical difficulties.

Head Teachers will ensure that arrangements are communicated to parents at the earliest opportunity.

### **How can I get Additional Support for my child?**

Parents who feel that their child may require additional support for learning are advised to contact staff at their child's school in the first instance. Further information can be obtained from the Highland Council's Additional Support Needs webpage: [http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/886/schools\\_-\\_additional\\_support\\_needs/](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/886/schools_-_additional_support_needs/) or from the voluntary organisation CHIP+ (Tel: 01463 711189) or website [www.chipplus.org.uk](http://www.chipplus.org.uk)

### **Is School Transport available?**

A full statement of the school transport policy is available at [http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/12/school\\_transport](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/12/school_transport) or can be supplied by the Transport Co-ordination Unit on request.

If your child will be eligible for free school transport then a transport request form **must** be submitted no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **What School Meals are provided?**

The school meal service offers nutritionally balanced, well presented food in an environment that is safe, well ordered and sensitive to the needs of pupils in order that they may enjoy the lunchtime social experience. All food and drinks served meet the requirements of The Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Act 2007. The Catering Service works closely with schools to help emphasize the importance of healthy lifestyles and diet. Detailed information on the school meals service and nutritional policy can be found on the following web pages: [www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/](http://www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/)

My child has Special Dietary Needs? Special diet request forms are available at your school or by visiting the local website: [www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/](http://www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/)

### **Free School Meals and Assistance with School Clothing.**

Please make sure your family is not losing out. Application Forms for Free Meals and Assistance with School Clothing can be obtained from any school, Highland Council Service Point or from: Telephone: (01463) 703645 or downloaded from [www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/](http://www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/) Applications for the next session (2018/19) open in June 2018.

### **Please Note:**

All Primary 1 to 3 pupils are entitled to free school meals and no application form is required, however an application will still be required if you wish to apply for a school clothing grant.

## **What is the Parent Council?**

All parents are automatically members of their school's Parent Forum – the whole parent body. The Parent Forum can then decide on a smaller group of parents to represent them to the school and to the Care and Learning Service. The Parent Council is also likely to be involved in many other activities such as social events, fund-raising, etc.

You can find out more information about your Parent Council from the Head Teacher. The school will also give you information about the responsibilities and activities of the Parent Council. In addition, further information about Parent Councils across the Highlands can be found at <http://www.highlandpcp.org.uk/>

## **Review of Information Contained in this Document**

This document contains the 'basic information' as required by the Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2012. We have made every effort to ensure information is accurate but changes may occur at any time which would affect the accuracy of the detail. The information is reviewed annually and this document refers to the school year 2018/2019.

## **AREA CARE AND LEARNING OFFICES**

### **North Area Care and Learning Office**

**Oifis Foghlaim Sgìre a' Chinn a Tuath**

Drummuie

Golspie

Sutherland

KW10 6TA

Tel: 01408 635346

### **Mid Area Care and Learning Office**

**Oifis Foghlaim Sgìre a' Mheadhain**

County Buildings,

Dingwall,

IV15 9QN

Tel: 01349 868532

### **South Area Care and Learning Office**

**Oifis Foghlaim Sgìre a' Chinn a Deas**

Glenurquhart Road

Inverness

IV3 5NX

Tel: 01463 702074

### **West Area Care and Learning Office**

**Oifis Foghlaim Sgìre an Iar**

Fingal Centre

Viewfield Road

Skye,

IV51 9ES

Tel: 01478 613697

# Bilingualism and Gaelic Medium Education

## Dà-chànanas is Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig

Gaelic Medium Education is a tried and tested way of ensuring that children learn to speak Gaelic and reap the benefits of being bilingual at an early age. It is available to children from both Gaelic and non-Gaelic speaking homes. Enrolment to Gaelic Medium Education can take place at Primary 1 stage, or thereafter, between Gaelic Medium Primary Schools/classes. The Highland Council is one of the leading local authorities in Scotland providing Gaelic Medium Education. Gaelic Medium Education represents the best hope for reversing the decline of Gaelic in the Highlands, especially if it is supported by opportunities for young people to use Gaelic in the home and community. The Council is committed to continuing to develop Gaelic Medium Education in pre-school and primary schools as well as expanding Gaelic Medium Education in the secondary sector.

Gaelic Medium Education is provided in 19 primary schools across the Council area (detailed below). We also continue to develop Gaelic Learning in Primary schools through the provision of a Primary Language Learning programme. Gaelic Medium subject teaching and Gaelic language courses, for both fluent speakers and/or learners, are offered in a total of 16 secondary schools.

The Gaelic Education map on our website

([http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/18/gaelic\\_medium\\_education](http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/18/gaelic_medium_education)) provides information on all Gaelic education provision across the Highlands. In addition, we also provide support for parents and other learners in communities through a coordinated system of adult tuition including a progressive tuition plan.

If you would like further information on Gaelic contact your Area Care and Learning Office or email: [Gaelic@highland.gov.uk](mailto:Gaelic@highland.gov.uk)

Acharacle Primary School

Bonar Bridge Primary School\*

Broadford Primary School

Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis

Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar

Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Phort Rìgh

Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Shlèite

Craighill Primary School

Dingwall Primary School

Dunvegan Primary School

Gairloch Primary School

Glenurquhart Primary School\*

Kilmuir Primary School

Lochcarron Primary School

Mallaig Primary School

Millbank Primary School

Mount Pleasant Primary School

Newtonmore Primary School

Plockton Primary School

Staffin Primary School

Tongue Primary School\*

Ullapool Primary School

\* mothballed

