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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

Welcome back to session 2026-27. Thanks to everyone for settling back so well and a special thank you to all of our new pupils who have settled in so quickly.

Staffing and Pupils / Luchd Obraich: The following staff will be working in Dunvegan Primary School and Sgoil Araich this session:

Ms S Muir ~ Head Teacher (Cluster with Carbost)
Ms J MacLeod ~ Principal Teacher & GM1-3 teacher
Mrs L MacDonald ~ Teacher GM4-7
Mrs M MacGregor ~ Teacher EM 4-7 & Forest Schools Teacher
Miss A MacNab ~ Teacher EM1-3
Mrs J Allan ~ Teacher EM1-3
Mrs A MacVicar ~ Non-Class Contact Teacher
Mr D MacLean ~ Additional Support Teacher
Mrs L Coull ~ Clerical Assistant
Mrs M Morrison ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs M Munro ~ Pupil Support Assistant (GM)
Mr C Cairns ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs K Laing ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs C Matheson ~ Early Years Practitioner (GM)
Mrs J Slater ~ Early Years Practitioner (GM)
Ms J Payne ~ Early Years Support Worker
Mr H McCallum ~ Visiting Pipe Band Drumming Instructor
Mrs R Llewellyn Porter ~ Visiting Fiddle Instructor
Mr IR Finlayson ~ Visiting Chanter Instructor
Ms M Fleming ~ School Cook
Miss A Blair ~ Cleaning Operative
Mrs L Crainet ~ Cleaning Operative

Our English roll is 21 and our Gaelic roll is 27. Our sgoil araich roll is 8.

School Day / Latha sgoile: Sgoil araich starts each morning at 9am and school starts at 9.15am. Can parents please note that there is NO PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION until 9am, children are not to be dropped off before then. Some of the school transport arrives early as it has subsequent journeys to

make. The time before school starts is NOT a break time. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** in the drop off zone in front of the school - this is for school transport.

School Dinner Money / Airgead Dinneir: School lunches are available to all children in full time education, and are FREE up until they reach P6 & 7 when the cost is £2.50 per day. Please can lunch money be handed to the canteen by Thursday each week.

2 days - £5.00

3 days - £7.50

4 days - £10.00

5 days - £12.50

Visitors / Neach-tadhail: If you are visiting the school for any reason, please sign in and report to the office on arrival.

Absences / Neo-Lathaireachdean: If your child is going to be absent from sgoil araich or school, please can you give this information to the school in advance. If your child is absent unexpectedly on any given day, you can use the 'Report an Absence' feature on the SSS App. If you have not done so, please download the Safer School Scotland App to your phone, using the following pin for Dunvegan **4978**. If you are unable to use this, then please phone the school on 01470 521307 or email dunvegan.primary@highland.gov.uk before 09.30am, this applies for sgoil araich children also.

Cluster Days: This year, we are delighted to be able to welcome Carbost Primary School to join us at Dunvegan on a Friday, starting from Friday 28th August. CPS pupils will merge with our EM classes, and pupils will be participating in a rotation of activities including Gaelic language and culture, Forest School, Music, PE, Health and Wellbeing, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to continue to form friendships with our Carbost cluster pupils. PE for the EM classes will be happening down in the village hall - please can you make sure that pupils have an indoor pair of trainers with NO BLACK SOLES. An outdoor pair can be cleaned up and used for this, but they are then not permitted to be used outdoors. If children do not have a pair of trainers without a black sole, then PE sessions will have to be done barefoot.

Forest School / Sgoil na Coille: Forest School sessions will take place again this term for our GM pupils. We are yet to schedule in timings for this, but it would be beneficial if everyone could make sure that children have full forest school gear left at school, including waterproof trousers, waterproof jacket and welly boots.

Mobile Library / Leabhar-lann: The mobile library will continue to visit the school. We are unsure of when the first visit will be. Please make sure that you keep these books separate from books that are borrowed from our own school library.

Clothing / Aodach: Please can you write your child's name on their clothing, especially school jumpers. This helps us so much when we are trying to return 'lost items'. Please could we ask all children to bring in a pair of indoor crocs, trainers or shoes (NOT SLIPPERS) that will only be worn inside the school building. This will help to keep our carpets, cushions, rugs etc. clean and dry. If you prefer, wellies for outside play are a great alternative. It is also a good idea to make sure that ALL children have a spare change of clothes in school.

Snack / Biadh beag: Please can you send your child to school daily with a healthy morning snack. We do not operate a tuck bar at the moment.

Breakfast club / Club Braicist: Breakfast club will continue to run in the mornings, from 9am. We have a fantastic group of volunteers that allow this to run - thank you all for your continued support.

PE/ Sports: Please can you send in a PE kit with your child - including trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. This can be left at school on their hanger or tray in class.

Music /Ceol: We continue to have music tuition for Chanter on a Tuesday morning and Pipe Band Drumming and Fiddle on a Thursday morning, virtually and in school lessons. If you would like your child to start these, please have a look online here:
<https://www.myhighlife.co.uk/music-tuition/login/>

Annual data checks / Sgrùdadh dàta bliadhnaile: Copies of the Annual Data Check have been sent home for you to complete. Please could you update any changes and add new information. Please can they be handed back to school by Friday 28th August.

Flu Vaccinations: The vaccination team will be in school on Tuesday 29th to administer the vaccine to school aged pupils. Consent packs have gone home last week, please make sure that you send these back to the school office, whether you wish your child to have the vaccine or not.

School Photographer / Dealbhan Sgoile: The photographer will be in school on the morning of Friday 11th September.

Term Dates 2025/26

Highland School calendar 2026/27

Please note - Dates may be subject to change

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School holidays								School days																								
In-service days																																

Afterschool Clubs / Club na Sgoile

Jaggy Thistles: Nan continues to run her Jaggy Thistles music group (For age 6 +) on a Monday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. If your child would be interested in learning the Tin Whistle or Recorder, please let us know and come along and join in.

Shinty / Iomain: North End Shinty continues on a Thursday evening for P2-7 pupils, between 6 & 7pm. Currently being held at MacDiarmid pitch. Please remember to bring your shin guards and £1 subs. Skye Shinty Academy runs on a Saturday morning at Pairc nan Laoch. Find out more about this on Facebook - Skye Shinty Academy.

Nursery / Sgoil Araich: Our nursery is open full time hours, from 9am – 3pm each day.

- Please can children have a pair of indoor shoes (NOT slippers), a change of clothes and a waterproof jacket each day.
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine or Jeanette on catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk or jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk

In-service Days / Latha Treanadh: Sgoil Araich & School will be closed on Monday 14th September for staff training.

Headlice / Mialan: Head lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: School & Sgoil Araich will close on Friday 9th October for the October break, and will reopen on Monday 26th.

End of the School Day / Deireadh an latha sgoile : Please can all parents / carers that are collecting children at the end of the school day please adhere to the following protocol:

1. Nursery children leave at 3pm
2. Taxis leave
3. Bus leaves
4. Children being collected are sent out to cars
5. Cars leave

This is to make sure that the end of day traffic is handled in as safe a way as possible and we do appreciate your help.

Please call or email any time. Your support makes an incredible difference to our school and we consider you all a part of our team.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the course of the term.

Tapadh Leibh / Thank you,

Samantha Muir

Head Teacher / Ceannard
Dunvegan Primary School / Bun Sgoil Dhun Bheagain