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Lochaber High School Associated School Group Overview

Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport Service

Summary

This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Lochaber High School Associated School Group (ASG), and provides useful updated links to further information in relation to these schools.

1. ASG Profile

- 1.1 Lochaber ASG consists of Lochaber High School and the following primary schools: Banavie, Caol, Fort William, Fort William R.C, Inverlochy, Lochyside R.C., Roy Bridge, Spean Bridge, Invergarry and Upper Achintore. The Primary schools in the area serve approximately 1055 pupils, with the secondary school serving 866 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/yourcouncil/highlandfactsandfigures/schoolrollforecasts.htm>

There is an Acting Head Teacher at Fort William RC with Cluster Head Teachers serving Roy Bridge & Spean Bridge Primary Schools and Fort William & Upper Achintore Primary Schools. Recruitment for a substantive Depute Head Teacher is underway for Lochaber High School.

Head Teachers are in receipt of support through the Quality Improvement Officer, Additional Support For Learning Officers and the Area Education Office.

1.2 Attainment and Achievement

1.2.1 Lochaber High School

Attainment – Performance Summary

S4 Results

English at Level 3 or above: 98.2%

Maths at Level 3 and above: 100.6%

5+ Level 3 and above: 95.1%

5+ Level 4 and above: 85.4%

5+ Level 5 and above: 37.8%

Gender:

5+ Level 3 and above: Boys performing slightly better than girls

5+ Level 4 and above: Girls performing better than boys

5+ Level 5 and above: Boys performing better than girls

Overall:

S4 attainment has improved from session 2011-12

S5 Results

English Level 6: 22.5%

Maths Level 6: 23.8%

1+ Level 6 and above: 41.1%

3+ Level 6 and above: 23.8%

5+ level 6 and above: 7.9%

Gender:

1+ Level 6 and above: Girls performing slightly better than boys.

3+ Level 6 and above: Boys performing better than girls.

5+ level 6 and above: Boys performing better than girls.

S6 Results

3+ Level 6 and above: improvement on previous session

5+ Level 6 and above: improvement on previous session

Overall:

S5 attainment has seen a slight dip from session 2011-12.

There is no overall trend over the last three years.

5+ Level 6 and above dropped, but still above the 2010-2011 figure.

Strategies to develop Quality Indicator - Improvements in Performance as per School Improvement Plan Projects:

- Continuing to raise attainment as a whole school responsibility with a particular focus on subject departments who could be performing better.

- Continuing to develop a tracking system for attainment and achievement, S1-S6 using the e1 electronic (MIS) Management Information System.
- Continuing to establish effective Quality Assurance systems for assessment standards in SQA courses (National, Higher and Advanced Higher).
- Continuing to develop the Personal Support/Tutor system after the successful pilot of session 2012-13 to support all learners.

1.2.2 Wider Achievement & Notable Successes

Secondary – Lochaber High School – [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

Lochaber High School demonstrates strengths in providing opportunities for young people to achieve beyond the class room environment. Below is a small example of what is promoted by Lochaber High School.

UK Mathematical Trust – Junior Challenge

Pupils from Secondary 1 and 2 take part in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge. Pupils are required to solve mathematical questions and develop reasoning and enquiry skills. Recent success includes 8 pupils achieving Silver Awards and 15 achieving Bronze Awards. The challenge was sponsored locally by the Lochaber Housing Association to mark its 25th Anniversary.

Productions & Performances

The school stages a wide range of productions including West End Musicals (last year it was “Grease” and a production of “Les Miserables” is planned for 2014). An in-house writing team produced two musical plays, “Burke & Hare” and “Mary” both of which were performed by Lochaber High School pupils at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The school’s Drama department also stages productions as part of the Higher and Intermediate 2 Drama course.

School productions are to a very high standard, are well attended and appreciated by the community.

Dance

Pupils from Lochaber High School work with primary schools in the ASG towards the annual Dance Platform in December.

Burns Supper

Sixth Years hold a fundraising Burns Supper each year to raise money for their London trip. The event is well- attended and attracts quality speakers.

Gaelic

Pupils studying Gaelic have opportunities to achieve the John Muir Award. They also participate in the Film G competition and recently took part in the BBC News “School Report” project.

Music

The school offers a variety of musical experience and opportunities. There is a junior and senior wind band, a big band, an orchestra, a pipe band and a ceilidh band. Pupils benefit greatly from opportunities to play/sing in regional and national groups (HRYO, NYOS, NYCoS) and school groups benefit from work done in Lochaber Music School.

There is a productive association with St Augustine's High School in Lancashire, with jazz bands making regular exchange visits.

The Senior Wind Band also demonstrated success at the Scottish Concert Band Festival, winning a Gold Plus award at the regional finals in Inverness and going on to win a further Gold Plus Award at the national finals in Perth – the top award in their category.

Lochaber Schools Pipe Band is well known in the local area and beyond and is made up mostly of Lochaber High School pupils. The Band plays at numerous events which allows pupils opportunities to showcase the variety of skills required to produce a high quality Pipe Band.

Sport

A wide range of sports are available to pupils and staff encourage all young people to participate as part of the Health & Wellbeing agenda, along with the pleasure that can be attained through sport.

The school has achieved success in a number of sports, both locally and nationally. Given the strong tradition of shinty in the Lochaber area, it is not surprising to find that Lochaber High School has won the MacPherson Cup 13 years in a row. This year the thrilling final was played at An Arid, with the team successful in retaining the trophy. The Robertson Cup was also added to the trophy cabinet, after an exciting final at Drumnadrochit. The school also won the Wade Cup, making them the most successful school shinty team in Scotland.

Pupils from the school's Support Base participate and excel in regional and national disability sports.

Youth & Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)

Secondary 3 pupils took part in an exciting new project through YPI. Pupils learn about social issues and how local charities in the Lochaber area work to tackle these. The project resulted in 15 local charities attending the school to provide pupils with information for a presentation on a charity. The group of pupils representing Crossroads Lochaber were considered to have the most passionate presentation and were awarded £3000 which they donated to Crossroads Lochaber.

Young Enterprise

Enterprise is considered to be a positive means of enable young people to engage with the 'World of Work'. An example is the recent project which saw the enterprise team prepare hampers for sale. The team won a place in the Highland and Moray Regional final. Four of the group chose to sit the Strathclyde Business exam at their

own expense. Mrs Bryden, Principal Teacher of Business Studies, won the YES 'Link Teacher of the Year' award.

Ben Project

Secondary 2 Ben Project makes use of the local area to support learning using the natural environment. The recent end of year expedition resulted in pupils putting together picture stories for a video game, based in Glen Nevis. The main 'end product' is to get to the top of Ben Nevis.

Global Citizenship

This is a yearlong, cross curricular project, which culminates in a two day Food & Drink challenge with a global theme. Classes agree a theme to raise awareness of an environmental issue such as rhino poaching in Africa. Member of the community are invited to judge the cooking which produces a variety of tasty dishes.

Partners in the Community and beyond

The school has good links with West Highland College UHI. A recent bridge building competition developed team building, problem solving, and design & technology skills.

A project with Seafood in Schools saw Secondary 1 pupils working with Primary 7 pupils from local schools. Along with supporting transition from primary to secondary, the work provided a context for Interdisciplinary Learning.

- Rotary Club of Lochaber – Young Chef Competition, Interview Skills, Outward Bound, Endeavour Award, Christmas parcels
- Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) – RSE@Lochaber: Christmas Lecture (Katherine Grainger), series of lectures, workshops, debates and public events.
- Dulux – 'Let's Colour' project
- Room 13 – Art project
- Lochaber Music School
- Holocaust Educational Trust – trips to Auschwitz and annual educational programme
- Commando Veterans' Association – enduring and valuable link with Pipe Band and Wind Band; annual visit in November; concert; 'Musician of the Year' award; heritage project with West Highland Museum.

Travel

School trips are an important part of the ethos of the school. An annual London trip for all Sixth Years is now in its eighth year and there are regular trips to Paris, Adventure France, Ski France and Iceland. The current session included a trip to New York.

Heartstart

Lochaber High School is an approved Heartstart centre and gives basic lifesaving training to pupils as well as training older pupils to be trainers.

Supporting Charities

The school has a well-established programme of supporting charities, both local and international. Each year there is a fundraising 'High School Hike' which raises around £8k to support extra-curricular activities in the school. Ten per cent of this amount is donated to a charity of the pupils' choosing.

Events throughout the session allow the school to support the following charities:

- Christmas Parcels (in association with Rotary) for senior citizens in the community
- AIDS day
- Mary's Meals
- MacMillan Cancer Support
- Children in Need
- Movember
- Children in Need

Primary Schools

Banavie Primary School [Link to 2013-2014 S&Q Report](#)

- 2nd in the league and 2nd in the tournament for netball
- P4-7 Shinty winners of the Oban sixes
- P4-7 Shinty winners of the Primary World Cup
- Golf team won the interschool tournament
- Banavie have been awarded their third green flag(June 2013)
- All P7 achieved their John Muir award in June2013
- P4 have completed another term at the rural complex in the Seed to Supper project
- The Nursery, P1 ,P2/3 and P4/5 all took part in the local mod and won their categories(even against Gaelic medium schools.)
- The school choir won at the local Music festival in March
- Individual winners in the singing and poetry sections of the local music festival .
- School donated nearly £400 to charities from sponsored events and Christmas concerts

After School Clubs

- Badminton P4-7
- Dance P4- 7
- Eco P4-7
- Football P1-7
- Shinty P1-7

Caol Primary [Link to 2013-2014 S&Q Report](#)

- In December a pupil won the Lochaber Housing Association Christmas Card Competition.
- In February the school won the Inter-School Primary Cross Country Competition.
- The school won last session's Inter-School Sports in June.
- The school won last session's Swimming Gala in June.
- In May the school raised over £2500 for the British Heart Foundation.

After School Clubs

- Dance,
- Netball,
- Gymnastics
- Primary 2/3 & Primary 4-7 Football,
- Primary 1-3 & Primary 4-7 Shinty
- Lunchtime Clubs 12/13
- Scripture Union,
- Homework Club,
- Tin Whistle,
- Choir,
- Knitting Club
- Rugby

Lochside RC Primary [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

- Eco Schools Scotland Third Green Flag
- Fairtrade School Status (Year 3)
- Rights Respecting Schools Award – Level 1
- Harvest Festival – 20 bags delivered to senior citizens in the community
- Fitness Testing – Best Boy Overall (November 2012)
- Dance Platform Showcase at Lochaber High School
- Christmas Concert - £733.00 raised
- Christmas Carol Singing at Mossspark Nursing Home
- Lochaber Music Festival - Church Guilds Trophy (P1/2)
- Skiing Awards - (P7)
- Winners of Lochaber Netball Festival
- Winners of Lochaber Primary Schools Netball League
- Winners of Lochaber Primary Schools Netball Tournament
- Winners of the Lochaber Primary Schools Swimming Gala
- Winners of the Lochaber Schools Inter-School Sports
- P4 received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- Education Sunday Children's Mass – Liturgy prepared and led by pupils
- Pupils led the Lenten Stations of the Cross in St. John's Church (P3 – P7)
- P7 visited the Riverside Museum and Victorian School Museum in Glasgow
- P3/4 enjoyed a boat trip on the Caledonian Canal
- P4 participated in the Seed to Supper Project
- P7 participated in the Go With The Flow Project
- P3/4 and P7 visited the Marine Harvest Fish Farm, Lochailort

- P1/2 visited Treasures of the Earth and Spectrum at the Nevis Centre
- P5/6 and P7 took part in outdoor learning projects in Glen Nevis
- P5/6 visited the West Highland Museum
- Three pupils visited the Scottish Parliament to give a presentation to MSPs about their involvement in Room 13
- Summer Fete - £3920.00 raised for School Fund
- Five pupils participated in the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Iona
- Pupils and staff attended a special Mass at St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban to commemorate the 1450th anniversary of St. Columba's arrival in Scotland
- Eco Day of Action
- Farewell Assembly and Ceilidh for Sr. Audrey and Sr. Therese
- Summer Ceilidh performed at Moss Park Nursing Home
- Lochyside's Got Talent Competition
- Summer Disco

After School Clubs

- Football
- Netball
- Modern Dance
- Art
- Guitar

Inverloch Primary [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

- Champions Gilmour Sports Shinty World Cup for North Area Primary Schools, June 2013 Inverness - Super-Six's competition, P5 and under
- 2nd green flag awarded October 2012.
- A fantastic fundraising effort by pupils through their enterprise project raising a combined £2700 throughout the year. P7 Enterprise with their Christmas enterprise company "Skillful Snowmen", P6 Enterprise raised money for 4 charities in June 2013 by doing a sponsored Harlem Shake flashmob, cake sale, face painting and I'm a Teacher Get Me Out Of Here teacher challenge, P5 with their Red Nose Day Funny for Money events, P4 with their Art Exhibition sales, P2 with their teatowel printing.
- Pupils and Parent Council fund raised to purchase £12000 worth of playground equipment.
- A number of pupils from P2 to P4 participated in the Young Writers Competition and had their poems and short stories published.

After School Clubs

- Eco Club,
- Shinty
- Football
- Modern Dance
- Netball
- Art Club

Fort William RC Primary [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

- Children in the Gaelic classes were filmed singing Gaelic Christmas carols for BBC ALBA's Christmas Eve ecumenical Gaelic service, Oidhche Naomh, in St Mary and St Finnan Church, Glenfinnan.
- Two Primary 6 Gaelic children attended the filming of 'Gleusta', a studio game show in Gaelic, at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye in June. The pupils competed in five rounds of competition; they made a fantastic job of representing the school and won their competition!
- The school raised over £1,000 for charities including: Children in Need, SCIAF, Comic Relief Red Nose Day, which was organised by English Primary 3/4. The Gaelic nursery hosted a Daffodil Tea and Disco, in support of Marie Curie Cancer Relief and Gaelic Primary 5/6/7 put on a well-attended ceilidh, with money raised going to Water Aid.
- The school has recently established a Fair Trade Committee and are working towards becoming a Fair Trade School.
- On 23rd April, the school achieved a second Eco-schools green flag.
- The school achieved second place of all the large schools in the area, in the Lochaber Inter-school sports competition.
- In the cross-country running championships, a pupil achieved first place, with 52 entrants.
- Glen Nevis Visitor Centre held a T-shirt Competition, to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Two of the children were winners, with their T-shirt design, with one child being the overall winner; his T-shirt design is being printed on the Glen Nevis T-shirts.
- A number of children entered the Lochaber Wild Poetry Competition, part of the Fort William Mountain Festival; there were over 300 entries and two of the children achieved 3rd place.
- The school had 4 successful theme weeks, involving members of the local community, including: Money Week, Health and Well-being week, Book Week and Gardening week.
- Two of the pupils won first and second place prizes for their entries in the WHSmith "Design a Book Cover" competition for World Book Day.
- The 'Gaelic' football team came second in the Gaelic Football Tournament, Cuach na Cloinne, held in Inverness, in June.
- The school had a huge number of entries, with a number of first places, in both the Lochaber Music Festival and the local Mod, with two of our choirs achieving first place.

After School Clubs

- football,
- bat and ball,
- netball
- Gaelic football
- The school also has a wide range of lunchtime clubs.

Fort William Primary [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

- Joint whole school project with Fort William primary – in conjunction with the RSE@Lochaber project, pupils and parents worked to create a series of five tapestries that depict Life in Lochaber, covering; History, employment, wildlife

and landscape, sport and leisure and art and culture. The tapestries have been displayed over the summer holidays in the West Highland Museum.

- project/fundraising day for RSPB on Penguins that featured in the Lochaber Life magazine!

Spean Bridge Primary [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

- Project working with Royal Geographical Society & Stirling University using the 'Storyline' format to stimulate writing. The pupils worked on 'The Drovers Story' based on the history of the area and have been invited to present their stories and the project itself at the Scottish Storytelling Festival in Edinburgh in October.
- Ski team won the local qualifier of the Scottish Schools Snowsport Scotland Ski Race at Nevis Range
- Many successes at the Lochaber Music Festival in all sections
- Shinty success in the Shinty World Cup – 2nd place and various other successes throughout the year.
- Working with the John Muir Trust and Creag Meagaidh Nature Reserve and artists on wildlife prints which will be displayed at nature reserves around Scotland
- Participation in 'Rock Challenge' at Eden Court – dance competition where the pupils choreographed their own dance centred around a moral issue and talked about it and answered questions from a panel of judges.
- 'Speedy Bikers' club visiting and meeting cycle stars at the new Commonwealth bike track in Glasgow

After School Clubs

- 'Speedy Bikers' (Mountain Bike Club P1-7)
- French Club (French language speaking P1-7),
- badminton club,
- judo club,
- traditional music club,
- football club,
- dance club.

Roy Bridge Primary – [Link to 2013-2014 S&Q Report](#)

- Shinty success in the Shinty World Cup – 2nd place and various other successes throughout the year.
- John Muir Trust poetry competition – one pupil won a 1st prize
- Success in the dramatised song and poetry comp. at Lochaber Music Festival
- Presently, no after school clubs

Invergarry Primary – [Link to 2012-2013 S&Q Report](#)

- Winners of the Lochaber Interschool athletics championships 2013 - small school category for third year in a row. Also have a pupil competing in North of Scotland Athletics
- Winners of the Camanachd Association small schools trophy 2013
- Winners of the trophy for music making in Lochaber Music festival 2013

- Almost all pupils in P4-7 play a musical instrument; all are encouraged and included in school events.
- P6-7 took part in residential outdoor learning course at Glencoe Outdoor centre and their achievements were significant and recognised by staff at the centre
- The school is ready to submit –self assess for third green eco-school flag (Sept 2013) with projects that include working with police on traffic surveys, working with wider community of food and farming and working with parents building a greenhouse from recycled material and creating a new garden

After School Clubs

- Great Glen After school Club - 6 week block in summer term of adventure activities eg climbing, canoeing, orienteering,
- Shinty Tues, Thurs night at shinty pitch,
- Cycle Skills(P4-7) Wed pm summer term with active schools coordinator,
- Occasional music tuition- when need arises for approaching performances

Upper Achintore Primary

- Joint whole school project with Fort William primary – in conjunction with the RSE@Lochaber project, pupils and parents worked to create a series of five tapestries that depict Life in Lochaber, covering; History, employment, wildlife and landscape, sport and leisure and art and culture. The tapestries have been displayed over the summer holidays in the West Highland Museum.
- School awarded second Green Flag from Eco-Schools Scotland in January 2013.
P4/5 class were awarded a trophy from Lochaber Fisheries for their success in hatching dragonflies as part of the 'Go with the Flow' project looking at river management.
- The P7s had a very successful residential week at Badaguish Outdoor Centre in June; enjoying climbing, canoeing, weaselling, orienteering and gorge walking.
- P4/5 held an Afternoon Tea party for local residents in Upper Achintore as part of their Enterprise project. They sent out invitations, made the food, served the guests and put on entertainment. Money raised went to 'Star for Harris' and Save the Children.
- Successful Education Scotland inspection in June 2013
- P5/6 awarded the John Muir Trust Award for their environmental work in Glen Nevis

After School Clubs

- Cheerleading,
- Football,
- Netball,
- Gardening,
- Running,
- Dance,
- Games,
- Drama,

- Basketball,
- Gymnastics,
- Homework,
- Poetry

Lochaber ASG		
School	Date of Latest Published Report (Education Scotland)	Link
Lochaber High	Dec 2007 (Follow Up)	Link
Banavie Primary	Oct 2007	Link
Caol Primary	Sept 2008	Link
Fort William RC Primary	Dec 2007(Follow Up)	Link
Fort William Primary	Jan 2012	Link
Lochyside RC Primary	Feb 2012	Link
Inverloch Primary	June 2005	Link
Spean Bridge Primary ©	Sept 2008	Link
Roy Bridge Primary ©	Oct 2008	Link
Invergarry Primary	Dec 2008 (Follow Up)	Link
Upper Achintore Primary	June 2013	Link

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

Early Years Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link
Banavie Primary Nursery	Oct 2011	Link
Caol Primary Nursery	Oct 2011	Link
Fort William RC Nursery - EM	Sept 2011	Link
Fort William RC Nursery - GM	Sept 2011	Link
Invergarry Primary Nursery	Oct 2012	Link
Inverloch Primary Nursery	Oct 2012	Link
Kilmallie Playgroup	Nov 2010	Link
Nevis Bank Nursery & Day Care Centre	Mar 2013	Link
Nevis Centre Nursery	Jan 2013	Link
Nevis Nippers Playgroup	May 2012	Link
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery	Sept 2012	Link
St Brides Primary Nursery	Sept 2011	Link
Upper Achintore Primary Nursery	Jan 2013	Link
Upper Achintore Playgroup	Jan 2013	Link

1.2.3 Destinations 16+

Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination Return (SLDR) which is a statistical return undertaken by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) on behalf of the Scottish Government. The return is based on a follow up of young people who leave school between 1 August and 31 July in a given year. The most recent exercise was carried out during the month of September 2012.

No. of Leavers	% Positive Destinations 10/11	11/12	12/13
Lochaber High School	97.1%	97.3%	Not yet available (NYA)
Highland SLDR	89.4%	90.7%	Not yet available (NYA)
Scotland SLDR	88.9%	89.9%	Not yet available (NYA)

Leaver Destinations for Lochaber High School

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

		LHS	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
10/11	TOTAL NO. LEAVERS	140	2,575	53,850
11/12	TOTAL NO. LEAVERS	150	2,495	50,892
12/13	TOTAL NO. LEAVERS	NYA	NYA	NYA

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	LOCHABER HIGH			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	10/11	11/12	12/13	10/11	11/12	12/13	10/11	11/12	12/13
Higher Education	22.9	32.7	NYA	33.2	34.6	NYA	35.8	37.3	NYA
Further Education	27.9	22.7	NYA	22.3	21.2	NYA	27.1	26.8	NYA
Training	4.3	4.7	NYA	2.0	2.5	NYA	5.6	4.6	NYA
Employment	37.9	32.7	NYA	29.2	29.7	NYA	19.3	19.8	NYA
Voluntary	0.7	2.0	NYA	0.5	0.9	NYA	0.5	0.4	NYA
Activity Agreement	3.6	2.7	NYA	2.2	1.8	NYA	0.5	0.9	NYA
Unemployment Seeking	2.1	1.3	NYA	7.7	5.9	NYA	9.6	8.4	NYA
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.7	0.7	NYA	1.8	1.9	NYA	1.2	1.3	NYA
Unknown	0.0	0.7	NYA	1.1	1.5	NYA	0.3	0.4	NYA

Note: National averages have been calculated from the figures for all available local authority and grant-aided schools, whereas the local authority averages are based on local authority schools only.

There are currently 23 open Activity Agreements involving Former Pupils of Lochaber High School.

1.3 Pupils

School Roll and Looked After pupil number have been taken from the Pupil Census extracted in September 2012. Pre School roll information has been taken from the Pre School Census January 2013.

School/ Nursery	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
<i>Highland Primary</i>				16.4%	87.9%
<i>Scotland Primary</i>				22.0%	88.4%
Banavie Primary	142	0	<5	8.9%	69.2%
Caol Primary	192	<5	5	20.9%	84.6%
Fort William RC Primary	133	0	27	23.9%	81.3%
Fort William Primary	27	<5	<5	18.5%	75.0%
Lochyside RC Primary	79	0	<5	20.7%	100.0%
Inverloch Primary	200	<5	14	15.2%	76.2%
Spean Bridge Primary	87	0	<5	5.5%	100.0%
Roy Bridge Primary	18	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Invergarry Primary	24	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Upper Achintore Primary	153	<5	14	20.0%	75.0%
<i>Highland Secondary</i>				11.4%	78.8%
<i>Scotland Secondary</i>				15.5%	74.7%
Lochaber High	869	13	32	14.2%	71.1%
Banavie Primary Nursery	20				
Caol Primary Nursery	58				
Fort William RC Nursery - EM	23				
Fort William RC Nursery - GM	21				
Invergarry Primary Nursery	11				
Inverloch Primary Nursery	41				
Kilmallie Playgroup	13				
Nevis Bank Nursery & Day Care Centre	26				
Nevis Centre Nursery	5				
Nevis Nippers Playgroup	12				
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery	30				
St Brides Primary Nursery	10				
Upper Achintore Primary Nursery	23				
Upper Achintore Playgroup	16				
Childminders	9				

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2013 Free Meals Eligibility is the percentage of the present school roll registered for free meals. Free Meals Uptake is the percentage of those present on census day who were registered and took free meals.

1.3.1 Attendance/Absence/Exclusion Profile 2011/12

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, comparative national information will be next available for academic year 2012-13.

School	Total Number of Possible Attendances (Pupil Half Days) and % Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rate per 1000 pupils	No. Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 pupils
<i>Highland Primary</i>	95.3% (2011-12)	3.9% (2011-12)	0.8% (2011-12)	8/1000 (11-12)	6/1000 (11-12)
<i>Scotland Primary</i>	94.8% (2010-11)	4.0% (2010-11)	1.2% (2010-11)	11/1000 (10-11)	6/1000 (10-11)
Banavie Primary	95.8%	3.3%	0.9%	0/1000	0/1000
Caol Primary	95.1%	4.1%	0.7%	23/1000	6/1000
Fort William RC Primary	91.0%	5.6%	3.4%	71/1000	55/1000
Fort William Primary	94.2%	5.6%	0.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Lochyside RC Primary	95.6%	3.6%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Inverloch Primary	94.7%	5.3%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Spean Bridge Primary	95.8%	4.2%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Roy Bridge Primary	96.4%	3.6%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Invergarry Primary	97.6%	1.6%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Upper Achintore Primary	95.3%	4.7%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
<i>Highland Secondary</i>	91.0% (2011-12)	6.3% (2011-12)	2.6% (2011-12)	39/1000 (11-12)	27/1000 (11-12)
<i>Scotland Secondary</i>	91.1% (2010-11)	6.0% (2010-11)	2.7% (2010-11)	72/1000 (10-11)	40/1000 (10-11)
Lochaber High	91.8%	5.1%	2.9%	30/1000 (11-12)	25/1000 (11-12)

1.4 School

School	ECO School	Travel Plan	Improving through Self-Evaluation and Improving Services (Education Scotland)	No. of Placing Requests In	No. of Placing Requests In Granted	No. of Placing Requests Out Granted
Lochaber High	Bronze	Yes	Weak (2006)**	0	0	4
Banavie Primary	Green Flag	In progress	Adequate (2007)	10	10	2
Caol Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Very Good (2008)	2	2	8
Fort William RC Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Adequate (2005)	4	4	0
Fort William Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Weak (2012)	0	0	14
Lochyside RC Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Very Good (2012)	3	3	0
Inverloch Primary	Green Flag	In progress	Very Good (2005)	15	15	3
Spean Bridge Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Good (2008)	1	1	1
Roy Bridge Primary	Silver	Yes	Good (2008)	0	0	1
Invergarry Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Weak (2005) **	1	1	0
Upper Achintore Primary	Green Flag	Yes	Good (2013)	4	4	8

Placing request information records all placing request received for school places starting in between August 2012 and June 2013. ECO School information is as at June 2013.

**** Through the Quality Assurance process of the Highland Council, Officers have supported schools to improve self-evaluation. A significant improvement is recorded within the Council's own records.**

1.5 ECS Staffing

School/ Nursery	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching FTE
Lochaber High	67.80	27.55
Banavie Primary	6.90	4.36
Caol Primary	10.80	11.68
Fort William RC Primary	7.00	6.13
Fort William Primary	2.20	2.10
Lochyside RC Primary	4.70	2.47
Inverloch Primary	7.50	5.95
Spean Bridge Primary	5.40	2.08
Roy Bridge Primary	2.50	0.46
Invergarry Primary	2.20	1.46
Upper Achintore Primary	9.60	5.37
Banavie Primary Nursery		1.12
Caol Primary Nursery		2.72
Fort William RC Nursery - EM		0.99
Fort William RC Nursery - GM		0.76
Invergarry Primary Nursery		0.99
Inverloch Primary Nursery		2.57
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery		1.86
St Brides Primary Nursery		0.99
Upper Achintore Primary Nursery		1.42

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2013. Please note that only certain types of teaching posts are counted here: Normal complement, Long term sick absence replacement, secondment replacement, maternity leave replacement, other replacement, temporary contract, covering a vacancy. Teachers who teach at the school but are centrally employed are excluded.

Core staffing is calculated using the Highland Staffing Model, which takes account of national agreements for P1 to P3 class sizes. As a result, all primaries in this ASG are staffed according to the model.

- [Staffing Table DSM Annex 4 PDF](#)
- [Primary Teacher Staffing Arrangements Admin Circular 9/2010](#)
- [West Primary School Rolls as at Sept 2013](#)
- [Secondary School Rolls as at Sept 2013](#)

In addition to core staffing for each school, a model will be used to provide an appropriate level of ASN cover to each school within the ASG. This model was approved at Adult and Children's Services Committee, 26th September 2012. Report [ACS-33-12](#).

This session we are funding additional staffing for the ASG as follows:

- 15.4 FTE ASN teachers
- 20.09 FTE PSA staff (assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

n/a	Pupils at level 2
95	Pupils at level 3
35	Pupils at level 4

1.6 Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2012/13	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2011/12	Devolved Budget 2013/14	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2012/13
Lochaber HS	3,763,757	4,326	7,569	3,755,992	4,317	-65,858
Banavie PS	383,731	2,702	18,568	400,327	2,819	10,638
Caol PS	582,986	3,036	2,456	590,503	3,076	13,821
Ft William PS	167,311	6,197	-1,699	165,332	6,123	-1,389
Ft William RC PS	494,091	6,677	-171	465,688	6,293	-9,686
Inverlochy PS	525,914	2,630	2,342	532,812	2,664	27,075
Lochyside PS	299,124	3,786	8,401	292,150	3,698	15,214
Invergarry PS	124,845	5,202	-1,534	117,818	4,909	-1,096
Roy Bridge PS	134,007	7,445	4,112	116,333	6,463	5,899
Spean Bridge PS	243,865	2,803	-2,892	220,568	2,535	-6,101
Upper Achintore PS	478,440	3,127	10,772	488,572	3,193	9,435

Members are asked to note that devolved funding is generally sufficient for school needs.

1.7 Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	Occupancy	Current/Future Investment (last 5 yrs) includes:
Lochaber High	C	C	75%	£11,576,768 Refurbishment, Swimming Pool,
Banavie Primary	B	B	90%	£161,780 ASN alterations, replacement windows
Caol Primary	C	C	62%	£20,784 replacement windows
Fort William RC Primary	C	C	59%	
Fort William Primary	C	C	14%	
Lochyside RC Primary	B	B	27%	£101,063 Biomass Boiler
Inverlochy Primary	B	B	93%	£307,649 Refurbishment, Biomass Boiler
Spean Bridge Primary	A	A	87%	
Roy Bridge Primary	C	C	36%	£431,134 MUGA, Classroom Unit
Invergarry Primary	C	C	48%	£106,103 Class unit, toilets
Upper Achintore Primary	B	B	66%	

2.0 Sports Facilities – Lochaber ASG

2.1 Lochaber High School

Indoor games hall, fitness suite, dance studio, artificial playing field (with first generation surface), two new grass playing fields not yet fully in use.

2.2 Primary Schools

Banavie Primary

Indoor gym hall, grass playing field and climbing wall

Caol Primary

Indoor gym hall (joint school/community facility) and grass playing field (MUGA located in community) and climbing wall

Lochyside Primary

Indoor gym hall and grass playing field

Inverlochy Primary

Indoor gym hall and grass playing field (MUGA located in community) and climbing wall

Fort William RC Primary

Indoor gym hall & climbing wall

Fort William Primary

Indoor gym hall and climbing wall

Spean Bridge Primary

Indoor gym hall, grass playing field and climbing wall

Roybridge Primary

Multi User Games Area (MUGA)

Invergarry Primary

No dedicated sports facilities – climbing wall

Upper Achintore Primary

Indoor gym hall and three quarters sized artificial playing field (first generation surface) and climbing wall

Other non-school related facilities include:

- Aonach Mor Ski Range (private enterprise)
- Mountain Bike Track at Aonach Mor (private enterprise). Every year since 2001 this track has hosted a round of the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup.
- Claggan Park – HC Facility- home of Highland League Club Fort William FC
- An Aird Stadium - HC Facility - home of Fort William Shinty Club
- Canal Park, Caol - HC Facility - home of Kilmallie Shinty Club
- "Spean Bridge Stadium" – Community Facility - home of Lochaber Camanachd
- Craigard Park, Invergarry – Community Facility - home of Glengarry Shinty Club
- Banavie Rugby Field - HC Facility - home of Lochaber RFC
- Black Parks, Inverlochy - HC Facility - grass playing fields
- King George V Park - HC Facility – located at Lochaber Leisure Centre
- Lochaber Leisure Centre - swimming pool, fitness suite, exercise studio, hydrotherapy pool, two squash courts
- Fort William Golf Course 18 hole course
- Spean Bridge Golf Course - 9 hole course.
- The Nevis Centre, Fort William - partly an indoor functions and concert venue, the Nevis Centre has a ten-pin bowling hall and an indoor sports hall used for boxing, table tennis etc. Not HC owned but financially supported by the Council.
- Bowls Pavilion at the BA club, Fort William (private enterprise)

3.0 High Life Highland in Lochaber High School ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Lochaber High School Associated School Group Area	User Information	2010/11	2011/12
Lochaber Leisure Centre	Users	64,715(Closed part of the year)	128,734
Fort William Library	Book Issued	58763	57075
Caol Library	Boos Issued	9168	8722
Mobile Library	Books Issued	25145	23920
Sports Pitches	Available for let by sports clubs An Aird Claggan Park Canal Parks Black Parks	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator	Unique Participants	No Info Available	517
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People Young Scot Card percentage uptake (National average – 72%)	13,517 80	10,059 100

	Youth Participation Highland Youth Voice Participants	3	3
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	109	104

Programme Information: highlifehighland.co.uk

Examples of Youth Work in Lochaber ASG

The youth development team for Lochaber learning community provides a mix of regular and project based youth work. Fusion Youth Space delivers 3 nights of youth work, one of which is a night catering for children with additional support needs. Caol Youth Centre delivers three nights, one of which caters for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The street work project employs staff on a Friday and Saturday night and engages with young people in and around Fort William High Street. Childrens' Services contribute to a joint post between An Cala and the Youth Work Team.

Project based work over the last year has included - joint work with Skills Development Scotland on a project called Teens n tots- young mums group. Partnering with the Lochaber High School Children Service Worker supporting young girls. The Duke of Edinburgh project is supporting a group of girls through their Bronze and Silver Awards on horseback. A programme of activities took place over the summer holiday. Support for young people is available through an employability programme called "Go for it".

The Youth Worker also supports local youngsters to participate in the two Highland Youth Parliament conferences in June and November each year as well as the local Lochaber Youth Forum.

The Youth Work Team are also delivering other Awards such as the Saltire and Dynamic Youth Achievement Awards

HLH Youth Services –

- Work directly with young people in NEED
- COORDINATE local provision
- Support PARTNER organisations
- Ensure young people have a VOICE
- Support and develop ACHIEVEMENT frameworks

The Youth Work Team are also delivering other Awards such as the Saltire and Dynamic Youth Achievement Awards.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Area Committee is asked to scrutinise and note the content of the report.

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**HIGHLAND COUNCIL
LEVELS OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEED – Appendix One**

Needs relating to:	Level 1 – Standard Support	Level 2 – Significant Support	Level 3 – Substantial Support	Level 4 – Specialised Support
The physical environment	The ordinary education setting is appropriate (DDA compliant)	Access to a room sometimes required for the delivery of structured programmes etc, which cannot be delivered within the mainstream classroom e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a deaf pupil requiring a low noise environment area for a pupil to engage in outside agency programme 	A base/dedicated area within a mainstream setting is required for a substantial part of the pupil's time in school e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASD friendly environment 	A highly specialised environment all of the time (the pupil will have complex needs).
The curriculum and how it is delivered	Mainstream curriculum with differentiation e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> alternative outcomes additional time responding to preferred learning styles 	Significant differentiation is needed in one or more areas of the curriculum, requiring a child's plan/programme with SMART targets, which are reviewed termly e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for learning and/or behaviour independence/social/life skills physical/sensory issues 	Very substantial and individualised planning in a wide area of the mainstream curriculum requiring regular review and consultation with parents, and agencies/services external to the school	Following an alternative/elaborated curriculum from that provided in mainstream, supported by a detailed child's plan.
The level of adult support required (refer to CSP if appropriate)	A flexible and creative use of support normally available, in order to respond to needs	Significant needs which require to be addressed through access to individual and/or small group support for part of the time , monitored and reviewed through the child's plan.	Access to a substantial level of support most of the time to implement agreed protocols/actions, as agreed and recorded in the child's plan.	Access to teacher and/or assistant support all of the time . This support is monitored, reviewed and evaluated through the child planning process.
The level of specialised resources and technology required	Ordinarily available resources. For some pupils this will include mobility aids, wheelchairs and assistive technology support	Resources, required by the pupil individually, on a time limited basis eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> switches hearing aids for glue ear 	Highly specialised resources or technology not normally available and deployed/designed for the pupil's specific use when required e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communication aids radio aids 	Access to highly specialised resources, facilities or technology not normally available and deployed/designed for the pupil's specific use all of the time e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> augmentative aids assistive technology
The level of support agencies / services involved	Needs identified and monitored by Class / Subject Teacher. For some pupils this may include support from therapists. ASN file may be opened at this Level	Agreed and monitored child's plan and/or programmes delivered by school staff which may be supported by outside agencies eg OT / S< e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consultation and resources from therapists ASN file opened at this Level	Direct, planned and monitored long term support on a regular basis by specialist agencies/services (including social work). Child's Plan used to coordinate and monitor support and outcomes for the child/young person.	Direct, planned and monitored support on an intensive basis, supported by a detailed child's plan.
Communication (inc EAL)	Ordinary oral/aural and written communication eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visually supported environment using less complex language 	Communication and language needs met by specific approaches eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> symbols visual/verbal cues 	Enhanced support to aid communication and social inclusion. Additional communication methods e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sign/gesture, including Makaton PECS augmentative systems 	Highly specialised methods required all of the time e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sign language Braille