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Farr High Associated School Group Overview

Report by Director of Care and Learning

Summary

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

1.0 ASG PROFILE

The primary schools in this area serve over 70 pupils, with the secondary school serving 66 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/858/school_roll_forecasts_2014-15

There are currently no Head Teacher vacancies in the ASG and all schools receive support through the Quality Improvement Team and the Area Office.

1.1 Attainment and Achievement

1.1.1 Farr High School - 2015

Attainment – Performance Summary

The Attainment Report for the North Schools based on INSIGHT information has recently been discussed at Ward Business Meetings, please refer to that report but note that trends for a school with a pupil roll as small Farr are not reliable.

1.1.2 Wider Achievement & Notable Successes

Secondary – [Link to Farr High School webpage](#)

Primary by School:

School	Link to School Webpage
Altnaharra Primary School	Altnaharra Primary webpage
Farr Primary School (Suth)	Farr Primary (Suth) webpage
Melvich Primary School	Melvich Primary webpage
Tongue Primary School	Tongue Primary webpage

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Farr High School	Nov 2009	Farr High Inspection
Altnaharra Primary School ©	Mar 2008	Altnaharra Primary Inspection
Farr Primary School (Suth)	Dec 2010 (Follow Up)	Farr Primary Inspection
Melvich Primary School	Dec 2008 (Follow Up)	Melvich Primary Inspection
Tongue Primary School	Dec 2006	Tongue Primary Inspection

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

Early Year Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	Link To Inspectorate Pages
Altnaharra Primary Nursery	Nov-10 Currently Inactive	Altnaharra Primary Nursery Inspection
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	Aug-14	Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery Inspection
Melvich Primary Nursery	May-13	Melvich Primary Nursery Inspection
Tongue Primary Nursery - GM	Jun-05 Currently Inactive	Tongue Primary Nursery Inspection
Tongue Pre-school Centre	Nov-13	Tongue Pre-school Centre Inspection
No of Childminders: one		

1.1.3 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 most recent return is based on a follow up of young people who left school between 1 August 2013 and 31 July 2014. This exercise was carried out during the month of September 2014.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Farr High School	94.4%	85.0%	78.6%
Highland	90.7%	93.1%	92.7%
Scotland	89.9%	91.4%	92.3%

Leaver Destinations for Farr High

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Farr High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2011/12	18	2495	50892
2012/13	20	2579	52792
2013/14	14	2601	51876

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Farr High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14	11/12	12/13	13/14
Higher Education	38.9%	45.0%	28.6%	34.6%	33.7%	32.3%	37.3%	36.5%	38.6%
Further Education	38.9%	40.0%	14.3%	21.2%	23.7%	23.8%	26.8%	27.8%	26.3%
Training	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%	1.9%	2.3%	4.6%	5.0%	4.1%
Employment	16.7%	0.0%	35.7%	29.7%	31.2%	31.9%	19.8%	20.4%	21.7%
Voluntary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Activity Agreements	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	1.9%	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%	1.1%
Unemployed Seeking	0.0%	15.0%	7.1%	5.9%	5.6%	4.8%	8.4%	7.1%	6.3%
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	1.9%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%
Unknown	5.6%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%

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 is currently one open Activity Agreements involving former pupils of Farr High School.

1.2 Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2014. Pre-school roll information is taken from the Highland Pre-School Census carried out in April 2015.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2015)				14.4%	84.3%	74.2%
Scotland Primary (2015)				19.2%	87.5%	79.3%
Altnaharra Primary School	5	0	0	small school/number	no provision	no provision
Farr Primary School (Suth)	21	0	0	small school/number	small school/number	62.5%
Melvich Primary School	23	<5	0	small school/number	small school/number	66.7%
Tongue Primary School	19	0	0	small school/number	small school/number	small school/number

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2015)				10.9%	84.7%
Scotland Secondary (2015)				15.0%	76.4%
Farr High School	67	0	<5	small school/number	small school/number

Nursery	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Altnaharra Primary Nursery	0				
Farr Primary Nursery (Suth)	11				
Melvich Primary Nursery	6				
Tongue Primary Nursery GM	0				
Tongue Pre-school Centre	6				

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2015 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.

The comment "small school/number" indicates that because of the small numbers of pupils in the school or the small numbers registered for free school meals this information cannot be disclosed.

1.2.1 Attendance/Absence/Exclusion Profile 2012/13

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	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Primary (Attendance 2012-13 & Exclusions 2013-14)	94.8%	4.3%	0.9%	9/1000	6/1000
Scotland Primary (2012-13)	94.9%	3.8%	1.3%	10/1000	6/1000
Altnaharra Primary School	94.0%	6.0%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Farr Primary School	94.9%	4.4%	0.7%	0/1000	0/1000
Melvich Primary School	96.9%	2.4%	0.7%	0/1000	0/1000
Tongue Primary School	95.7%	3.5%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Secondary (Attendance 2012-13 & Exclusions 2013-14)	90.9%	6.4%	2.6%	33/1000	24/1000
Scotland Secondary (2012-13)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	58/1000	33/1000
Farr High School	92.4%	3.9%	3.6%	70/1000	56/1000

1.3 School

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	Improving through Self-Evaluation and Improving Services	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Farr High School	bronze	Yes	Weak (2009)	5	5	3
Altnaharra Primary School	silver	Yes	Adequate (2008)	0	0	0
Farr Primary School (Suth)	withdrawn	Yes	Weak (2008)	0	0	0
Melvich Primary School	silver	Yes	Weak (2006)	0	0	0
Tongue Primary School	green flag	Early stages	Adequate (2006)	0	0	0

ECO School information is reported as at May 2015. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2014-15.

It should be noted that all placing requests in/out of these schools were able to be accommodated this year. There were therefore no parental appeals lodged for this ASG.

1.4 ECS Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Farr High	12.85	4.80
Altnaharra Primary	1.40	0.56
Farr Primary (Suth)	2.80	0.57
Melvich Primary	2.70	0.82
Tongue Primary	2.50	1.07
Nursery	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Altnaharra Primary Nursery		0.00
Farr Primary Nursery		1.31
Melvich Primary Nursery		1.31
Tongue Primary Nursery - GM		0.00
Tongue Pre-school Centre		1.46

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2014. 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.

Pre-school staff information has been taken from the Pre-School Census returned to the Scottish Govt in September 2014. FTE (Full Time Equivalent) is calculated on a 35 hour week.

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. The Primary Staffing Arrangements are currently being revised and the new Highland Staffing Model will be shared in due course.

Primary School Rolls as at August 2015 – Appendix 1

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 (Item 9a). Report [ACS-33-12](#).

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

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

The identified level of need at start of session was:

█	Pupils at level 2
█	Pupils at level 3
█	Pupils at level 4

1.5 Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2013/14	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2012/13	Devolved Budget 2014/15	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2013/14
Farr High School	767,527	10,810	-18,950	610,480	9,392	3,911
Altnaharra Primary School	95,490	19,098	-2,500	80,386	16,077	-2,471
Farr Primary School (Suth)	124,741	6,930	-3,934	114,214	5,439	-1,491
Melvich Primary School	159,403	5,497	-4,606	132,651	6,030	1,606
Tongue Primary School	160,211	6,966	-7,130	130,882	6,889	-8,110

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

1.6 Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity	Current/Future Investment (last 5 yrs)
Farr High School	C	C	32%	£150000 including classroom alterations, replacement roof coverings
Altnaharra Primary School	C	C	18%	£10530 including boiler installation
Farr Primary School (Suth)	C	C	39%	
Melvich Primary School	B	C	35%	
Tongue Primary School	B	C	23%	

Building suitability, condition levels and occupancy are as reported on the 2015 School Estate Core Facts return.

2. HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN Farr High ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Farr Associated School Group Area	User Information	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Melvich Megacaff	Uses	307	395	306
Bettyhill Library and Service Point	Visits	1,079	1,625	832
Mobile Library	Visits	8,788	5,434	11,869
Portskerra Playing Field	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator (figures for academic years)	Distinct Participants	111	113	101
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	903	395*	306*
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	106	55	77

Programme Information

Bettyhill Library & Service Point: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/bettyhill-library-and-service-point/>

Mobile Library: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/far-north-mobile-library/>

*Reduction due to staff vacancy which has been filled

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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SCHOOL AND NURSERY ROLLS

Session 2015-16 (August)

School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
Altnaharra Primary	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	5
Farr Primary (Suth)	8	2	2	4	6	0	6	28
Melvich Primary	3	0	2	4	4	4	4	21
Tongue Primary	3	0	1	3	4	3	3	17

Nursery	N4 (Aug)	N3 (Aug)	No Sessions
Altnaharra Primary Nursery	0	0	0
Farr Primary Nursery	2	3	5
Melvich Primary Nursery	3	3	5
Tongue Primary Nursery - GM	0	0	0
Tongue Pre-school Centre	5	2	5

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Farr High	10	16	6	13	14	7	66