

The Highland Council

Sutherland County Committee – 22 February 2017

Agenda Item	11.
Report No	SCC/06/17

Farr 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 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 72 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/16466/farr>

There are currently no Head Teacher vacancies in the ASG but four out of the five HT posts are filled by Acting HTs 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

1.1.2 Wider Achievement & Notable Successes

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

Primary by School:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/directory/44/schools/search>

School	Link to School Webpage
Altnaharra Primary School	Altnaharra Primary webpage
Farr (Suth) Primary School	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-09	Farr High Inspection
Altnaharra Primary School	Mar-08	Altnaharra Primary Inspection
Farr (Suth) Primary School	Dec 2010 (Follow Up)	Farr Primary Inspection
Melvich Primary School	Dec 2008 (Follow Up)	Melvich Primary Inspection
Tongue Primary School	Dec-06	Tongue Primary Inspection

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

Early Years Centres

Link to Care Inspectorate website: [Find a care service](#)

Early Year Centre	Inspection Month	Quality of Care & Support	Quality of Environment	Quality of Staffing	Quality of Management & Leadership
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	Aug-14	Very good	Very good	Very good	good
Melvich Primary Nursery	May-13	good	good	good	good
Tongue Pre-school Centre	Feb-16	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good

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 2014 and 31 July 2015. This exercise was carried out during the month of September 2015.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Farr High School	85.0%	78.6%	100%
Highland	93.1%	92.7%	93.7%
Scotland	91.4%	92.3%	92.9%

Leaver Destinations for Farr

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Farr High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2012/13	20	2579	52792
2013/14	14	2601	51876
2014/15	11	2700	53836

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Farr High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	12/13	13/14	14/15	12/13	13/14	14/15	12/13	13/14	14/15
Higher Education	45.0%	28.6%	36.4%	33.7%	32.3%	34.1%	36.5%	38.6%	38.3%
Further Education	40.0%	14.3%	63.6%	23.7%	23.8%	26.3%	27.8%	26.3%	27.8%
Training	0.0%	0.0%	0%	1.9%	2.3%	1.5%	5.0%	4.1%	3.8%
Employment	0.0%	35.7%	0%	31.2%	31.9%	29.1%	20.4%	21.7%	21.7%
Voluntary	0.0%	0.0%	0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Activity Agreements	0.0%	0.0%	0%	1.9%	1.5%	1.9%	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%
Unemployed Seeking	15.0%	7.1%	0%	5.6%	4.8%	4.2%	7.1%	6.3%	5.4%
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.0%	14.3%	0%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0%	0.5%	1.2%	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%

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 no Activity Agreements involving former pupils of Farr High.

1.2 Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2016.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2016)				13.4%	86.0%	76.6%
Scotland Primary (2016)				17.9%	87.3%	81.7%
Altnaharra Primary School	3	0	0	No provision		
Farr (Suth) Primary School	25	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	81.8%
Melvich Primary School	22	<5	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	100%
Tongue Primary School	21	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	100%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2016)				10.8%	82.5%
Scotland Secondary (2016)				14.2%	73.9%
Farr High School	72	<5	0	Small school/number	Small school/number

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2016 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 2015/16

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, next reporting year is 2016-17.

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 (2015-16)	94.9%	4.0%	1.1%	8/1000	5/1000
Scotland Primary (2014-15)	94.9%	3.8%	1.3%	9/1000	5/1000
Altnaharra Primary School	92.7%	6.6%	0.7%	0/1000	0/1000
Farr (Suth) Primary School	96.2%	2.9%	0.8%	107/1000	71/1000
Melvich Primary School	91.1%	4.6%	4.3%	0/1000	0/1000
Tongue Primary School	94.3%	4.3%	1.4%	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 (2015-16)	91.46%	5.9%	2.6%	39/1000	26/1000
Scotland Secondary (2014-15)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	50/1000	29/1000
Farr High School	93.1%	4.4%	2.5%	44/1000	29/1000

1.3 School

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Farr High School	Bronze	Yes	3	3	2
Altnaharra Primary School	Silver	Yes	0	0	2
Farr (Suth) Primary School	Withdrawn	Yes	2	2	1
Melvich Primary School	Silver	Yes	0	0	0
Tongue Primary School	Green Flag	No	1	1	0

ECO School information is reported as at November 2016. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2015-16.

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 School	13.20	4.21
Altnaharra Primary School	1.00	0.56
Farr (Suth) Primary School	2.34	1.20
Melvich Primary School	1.90	0.77
Tongue Primary School	2.40	1.00
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	0.1	1.38
Melvich Primary Nursery	0.1	1.38
Tongue Pre-school Centre	0.0	1.29

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2016. 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 2016.

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 17th August 2014 – Appendix

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:

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

The identified level of need at start of session was:

10	Pupils at level 2
3	Pupils at level 3
5	Pupils at level 4

1.5 Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2014/15	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2013/14	Devolved Budget 2015/16	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2014/15
Farr High School	610,480	9,392	3,911	755,458	10,792	22,776
Altnaharra Primary School	80,386	16,077	-2,471	90,732	18,146	(3,479)
Farr (Suth) Primary School	114,214	5,439	-1,491	123,940	4,958	(2,980)
Melvich Primary School	132,651	6,030	1,606	147,872	6,429	1,592
Tongue Primary School	130,882	6,889	-8,110	127,795	7,987	(7,196)

Members are asked to note that devolved funding is generally sufficient for school needs. Figures in () are surpluses.

1.6 Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Farr High School	C	C	32.4%
Altnaharra Primary School	C	C	17.9%
Farr (Suth) Primary School	C	C	51.9%
Melvich Primary School	B	C	36.4%
Tongue Primary School	B	C	21.0%

Building suitability, condition and capacity levels are as reported on the 2016 School Estate Core Facts return.

3.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN FARR ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Farr Associated School Group Area	User Information	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Melvich Megacaff	Customer visits	395	306	837
Bettyhill Library and Service Point	Customer visits	1625	832	1157
Mobile Library	Customer visits	5434	11869	7687
Portskerra Playing Field	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator (figures for academic years)	Distinct Participants	113	101	118
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	395	306	837

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/>

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Signature:

Designation: Director of Care and Learning

Author: Barry Northedge

Date: 6th February 2017

SCHOOL ROLLS

Session 2016-17

SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
5110025	Altnaharra Primary School	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
5110122	Melvich Primary School	3	5	0	2	5	3	4	22
5110220	Farr Primary School (Suth)	2	7	2	2	5	6	1	25
5110327	Tongue Primary School	4	5	0	1	4	4	3	21

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Farr High School	20	10	16	7	11	8	72

PRE SCHOOL CENTRE ROLLS SEPTEMBER 2016

Nursery	N3	N4	Deferred Entry
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	1	6	0
Melvich Primary Nursery	5	5	0
Tongue Pre-school Centre	2	3	1