

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** Lochaber Area Committee  
**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
**Report Title:** **Lochaber Associated School Group Overview**  
**Report By:** Quality Improvement Manager (West)

**1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

1.1

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

1.2 The primary schools in this area serve over 1070 pupils, with the secondary school serving 841 young people. ASG roll projections can be found at:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolrollforecasts>

**Recommendations**

**2.**

2.1 Members are asked to: scrutinise and note the content of the report.

**3. School Information**

3.1 Secondary – [Link to Lochaber High webpage](#)

Primary

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Banavie Primary	<a href="#">Banavie webpage</a>
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	<a href="#">Bun-sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar webpage</a>
Caol Primary	<a href="#">Caol webpage</a>
Invergarry Primary	<a href="#">Invergarry webpage</a>
Inverlochy Primary	<a href="#">Inverlochy webpage</a>
Lundavra Primary	<a href="#">Lundavra webpage</a>
Spean Bridge Primary	<a href="#">Spean Bridge webpage</a>
St Columba's RC Primary	<a href="#">St Columba's RC webpage</a>

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

## **Lochaber High School**

### **Recent Successes**

- SQA exam success –eight pupils achieving 5 As at Higher and one achieved 6 As
- School Shinty team were winners of the MacPherson Cup and the Donella Crawford Cup
- Senior Wind Band achieved the Gold Plus in Scottish Concert Band Festival
- Footballers winning Highland League
- A pupil won Highland Young Musician of the Year
- School Team in Finals of Gaelic Debating
- Pupils attended the Highland Disability Sports awards
- Pupils participated in The Big Pedal. A UK inter-school cycling challenge that aims to inspire pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

### **After School Clubs**

- Shinty
- Basketball.
- Philosophy Club
- Fitness for the Lochaber Swim Team
- Hockey
- Ceilidh Band
- Netball
- LHS Bike Club
- Dodgeball
- Scripture Union
- Wee Strings Group
- Table Tennis Club
- Badminton
- Rugby
- Girls Shinty

## **Banavie Primary**

### **Recent Successes**

- Banavie Primary won the Lochaber Agricultural Show trophy for number of exhibits
- The nursery won the Nursery Trophy at the Rural Complex show and we also had 3 best in shows
- A teacher at the school has been chosen by the area to represent Highland at Education Scotland Moderation group.
- School held a Fun Night and raised £3000 for school funds and local charities

### **After School Clubs**

- football
- netball
- rugby

## **Bun –sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar**

### **Recent Successes**

- During Cupa Òige na Cloinne, pupils won an award for the team that used the most oral Gaelic in the Shinty Tournament.
- Pupils took part in the National Mod in Stornoway as well as in Oban and Lochaber Local Mod.
- Pupils enjoyed taking part in many events including Dance Platform, Inter Primary School Triathlon, Basketball and Badminton.
- School held fundraising events - Pyjama day raised £251.00 and MacMillan Coffee Morning raised £345.06
- School hosted their second Open Day for Gaelic Medium Education for families across Lochaber.
- School held 4 cèilidhs throughout the year to bring our community together through music and dance.
- School participated in various BBC Alba and Radio nan Gàidheal programmes including Leugh ri Linda. ( Read with Linda)
- School took part in the Youth Music Initiative Programme and Lochaber Music Festival
- A pupil won the ‘Design a Haggis’ competition organised by Nevis Range.
- We organised a very successful School Fete.
- Schools Netball Team reached the Girls’ Final.

### **After School Clubs**

- Football
- Gymnastics & Dance
- Code Club
- Choir
- Art Club
- Cookery Club
- STEM Expo
- Net ball
- Craft Club
- Shinty Club
- Sports Club

## **Caol Primary**

### **Recent Successes**

- New School opened
- Digital Schools Award
- Boys Cross Country Team win
- Successful bid for IT Grant
- Teacher accepted onto Rwandan teaching expedition
- School raised £2500 raised from the Team Caol Team building Sponsored Day.
- Over £1500 raised by our Nursery on a sponsored cycle event.

### **After School Clubs**

- Room 13
- Scripture Union
- Homework Club
- Tin Whistle
- Ukulele
- Fitness
- Shinty
- Football
- Netball
- Choir

## **Invergarry Primary**

### **Recent Successes**

- Collaborative Working with *Trees for Life*
- Water Week: The children enjoyed a fun and learning filled week and participated in Science experiments,
- The whole school enjoyed their visit to the Highland Folk Museum
- Primary 6/7 enjoyed their residential trip to Glencoe.
- Primary 1-3 enjoyed a trip to the West Highland museum and the canal as part of their work on the history of transport. They also had a visit to the Invergarry station.
- The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland Wild about Scotland bus visited the school in September. The children learned about Scottish animals and their habitats; about endangered species, beavers and wildcats.
- STEM: Primary 7 pupils attended the STEM expo event at Lochaber High School.
- Pupils in Primary 5-7 had their annual ski lessons.

### After School Clubs

No clubs at present

### **Inverloch Primary**

#### Recent Successes

- Winners of the Fraser MacPhee Memorial Tournament
- MacAulay Sixes P5 and Under Champions
- BP National Winners
- MacKay Cup Runners Up
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in Interschool Sports for Swimming
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Tag Rugby Competition for P4 and P5
- Participation in Lochaber Music Festival and other arts events – many distinction and merit certificates awarded

### After School Clubs

- Shinty
- football
- netball
- creative writing
- Code Club

### **Lundavra Primary**

#### Recent Successes

- Lundavra awarded the Digital Schools Award. The first school in Highland to receive the award for excellence in Digital Learning. P6 Inter-generational ICT project run with Care Lochaber to work with 12 local elderly residents on developing their ICT skills and enjoy a chat and cake.
- We run a well-attended Code Club to promote programming and computer coding skills which was also awarded Star Code Club status.
- Very successful sporting achievements including  
Lochaber champions in Triathlon  
Lochaber P7 champions in Basketball  
Lochaber Cross-Country champions for overall team  
Lochaber P6/7 Champions for Rugby and runners-up for P4/5  
Lochaber Champions for Athletics and Swimming
- Very successful outdoor education programme in school offering a range of outdoor learning and adventurous activities including P6 visit to Glencoe Outdoor Centre, P7 Residential visit to Great Glen and P7 Skiing Week.
- Pupil run Enterprise activities including Christmas Craft Fair and Summer School Fete
- P7 Enterprise project to collect and make up food boxes for the Lochaber Food Bank

### After School Clubs

- Dance platform
- Cheerleading
- Netball
- Shinty
- Games club
- Library club
- Running Club
- Rugby
- Football

### **Spean Bridge Primary**

#### Recent Successes

- Sustainable Spean Bridge Group- working with school and local community to build a more sustainable community; poly tunnel and gardening with cookery classes.
- Youth Music Initiative- P6
- Kodaly Singing- P1-3
- P7 visit to LHS- watch their production of Jenny Cameron
- P6/7 visit West Highland Museum = History topic work
- Halloween Disco
- P6/7 Healthy Tuck Shop
- Inter-school Triathlon
- P6 Outdoor trip- day trip to Loch Eil Outward bound
- Clydesdale Bank Wild About Scotland Bus Visit- all classes
- Drovers and Jacobite day in Glen Nevis for P6/7 and P5/6- partners- Highland Council Rangers and the Forestry Commission
- Children in Need- raised £364.4
- Scottish Book Week; Community book swap, sponsored Read-a-thon, book buddies, Librarian Visits, outdoor story writing with Highland Council Rangers, Reading Role-models, PSB visitors from LHS
- Remembrance poppies laid at Commando Memorial by P6 pupils

#### After School Clubs

- Akido Club
- Netball Club
- Mountain biking Club

## **St Columba's RC Primary**

### **Recent Successes**

- Winners of the Gaelic Choir Competition (learners) at the Lochaber Provincial Mod
- Winners of the Lochaber Primary Schools League
- Fairtrade Achiever Award
- Pupil Successes in the John Muir Wild Poetry Competition
- Pupil Successes in the Lochaber Music Festival
- All Primary 7 pupils achieved the Pope Francis Faith Awards in recognition of their RE work during the past 18 months
- All Primary 7 pupils achieved the Bike Ability Awards – Level 2
- Donations made to Lochaber Food Bank
- £800.00 raised for charities including Mary's Meals and Comic Relief

### **After School Clubs**

- Football
- Netball
- Modern Dance
- Art Club

## 3.2 School/Nursery Inspections

<b>School</b>	<b>Date of Latest Published Report</b>	<b>Link to Education Scotland Pages</b>
Lochaber High School	Jan-14	<a href="#">Lochaber High Inspection</a>
Banavie Primary	Oct-07	<a href="#">Banavie Primary Inspection</a>
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	None to date	<a href="#">Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Inspection</a>
Caol Primary	Sep-08	<a href="#">Caol Primary Inspection</a>
Invergarry Primary	Aug-16	<a href="#">Invergarry Primary Inspection</a>
Inverlochy Primary	Nov-13	<a href="#">Inverlochy Primary Inspection</a>
Lundavra Primary	None to date	<a href="#">Lundavra Primary Inspection</a>
Spean Bridge Primary	Sep-08	<a href="#">Spean Bridge Primary Inspection</a>
St Columba's RC Primary	None to date	<a href="#">St Columba's RC Primary Inspection</a>

Early Year Centre	Inspection Month	Quality of Care & Support	Quality of Environment	Quality of Staffing	Quality of Management & Leadership
Banavie Primary Nursery	Nov-14	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
Caol Primary Nursery	Oct-14	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Nursery	Sep-14	good	Very good	Very good	good
Invergarry Primary Nursery	Nov-15	Very good	good	Very good	Very good
Inverloch Primary Nursery	Nov-15	good	good	good	good
Kilmallie Playgroup	Nov-14	good	good	good	good
Little Learners Day Care	Feb-16	good	good	good	good
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery	Sep-15	Very good	good	Very good	Very good
Lundavra Primary Nursery	Jun-14	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
Stramash Outdoor Nursery	Aug-15	good	good	good	good
St Columba's RC Primary Nursery	No inspection to date as new provision				

#### Other School Information

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Lochaber High School	Bronze	Yes	9	9	4
Banavie Primary	Green Flag	Yes	8	8	2
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	Registered	Yes	0	0	0
Caol Primary	Green Flag	Yes	2	2	2
Invergarry	Green Flag	Yes	0	0	0



Primary					
Inverlochry Primary	Green Flag	Yes	4	4	4
Lundavra Primary	Green Flag	Yes	1	1	6
Spean Bridge Primary	Green Flag	Yes	7	7	0
St Columba's RC Primary		Yes	1	1	0

*ECO School information is reported as at May 2017. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2016-17.*

#### Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Lochaber High School	65.4	19.22
Banavie Primary	7.04	2.60
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	4.80	2.34
Caol Primary	13.0	5.50
Invergarry Primary	2.10	1.62
Inverlochry Primary	9.30	3.75
Lundavra Primary	11.93	7.14
Spean Bridge Primary	5.20	4.39
St Columba's RC Primary	6.40	4.75
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Banavie Primary Nursery	0.1	2.07
Caol Primary Nursery	0.1	4.82
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Nursery	0.1	3.81
Invergarry Primary Nursery	0.1	1.38
Inverlochry Primary Nursery	0.1	2.76
Little Learners Day Care Nursery	0.0	8.33
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery	0.1	3.07
Lundavra Primary Nursery	0.1	3.45
Stramash Outdoor Nursery	0.0	4.00
St Columba's RC Primary Nursery	0.1	1.38

*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.

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, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (Item 9a). Report [ACS-33-12](#).

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

- 13 FTE ASN teachers
- 1935 hrs PSA time

The identified level of need at start of session was:

130	Pupils at level 2
56	Pupils at level 3
40	Pupils at level 4

Funding

School/ Nursery	Budget Aug 2015	Cost Per Pupil	Carry Fwd 2014-15
Lochaber High School	3,717,957	4,469	78,836
Banavie Primary	381,004	2,781	(18,591)
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	182,740	4,250	
Caol Primary	627,046	2,703	(26,706)
Invergarry Primary	138,252	4,320	(5,274)
Inverlochy Primary	518,281	2,618	(27,571)
Lundavra Primary	409,150	2,802	
Spean Bridge Primary	292,888	2,816	(9,138)
St Columba's RC Primary	366,658	3,741	(6,644)
Inverlochy Nursery	53,353	1,721	(13)
Caol PS Nursery	108,767	3,885	(151)
Invergarry Nursery	28,853	3,607	(1,257)
Banavie PS Nursery	33,081	1,741	(597)
Spean Bridge Nursery	68,786	2,293	(2,813)

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

## Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Lochaber High School	Good	Good	67.71%
Banavie Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	91.33%
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	Good	Good	69%
Caol Primary	Good	Good	78.87%
Invergarry Primary	Poor	Satisfactory	64%
Inverlochry Primary	Satisfactory	Poor	96.69%
Lundavra Primary	Good	Good	71.92%
Spean Bridge Primary	Good	Good	81.60%
St Columba's RC Primary	Good	Good	66.67%

*Building suitability, condition and capacity levels are as reported on the 2017 School Estate Core Facts return.*

## 4. Pupil Information

### 4.1 Pupil Destinations 16+

*Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination data collected 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 2015 and 31 July 2016.*

	% Positive Destinations		
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Lochaber High School	96.5%	97.3%	96.6%
Highland	92.7%	93.7%	94.9%
Scotland	92.3%	92.9%	93.3%

*Number of pupils leaving in school year:*

Total No. Leavers	Lochaber High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2013/14	143	2601	51876
2014/15	187	2700	53836
2015/16	149	2516	52249

% of Leavers	Lochaber High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16	13/14	14/15	15/16
DESTINATION									
Higher Education	32.2	30.5	33.6	32.3	34.1	37.2	38.6	38.3	40.3
Further Education	28.0	27.8	26.2	23.8	26.3	21.3	26.3	27.8	26.6
Training	3.5	1.1	2.0	2.3	1.5	1.0	4.1	3.8	2.6
Employment	31.5	35.8	34.9	31.9	29.1	32.7	21.7	21.7	22.3
Voluntary	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.5
Activity Agreements	0.7	1.6	0.0	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.1	0.9	1.0

Unemployed Seeking	2.8	2.1	2.0	4.8	4.2	3.3	6.3	5.4	5.1
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.7	0.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.3
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.2

*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 five Activity Agreements involving former pupils of Lochaber High.

#### 4.2 Pupil Attendance/Absence/Exclusions 2015/16

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

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>% Actual Attendances</b>	<b>% Authorised Absences</b>	<b>% Unauthorised Absences</b>	<b>No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils</b>	<b>No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils</b>
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
Banavie Primary	95.9%	2.9%	1.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	96.6%	2.9%	0.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Caol Primary	95.7%	3.1%	1.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Invergarry Primary	97.5%	1.9%	0.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Inverlochy Primary	94.5%	5.3%	0.2%	0/1000	0/1000
Lundavra Primary	93.7%	6.3%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
Spean Bridge Primary	96.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0/1000	0/1000
St Columba's RC Primary	School not open 2015-16				
Lochyside RC Primary	93.6%	5.3%	1.0%	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
Lochaber High	91.7%	5.0%	3.3%	16/1000	11/1000

*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 (2017)				13.5%	76.5%	72.5%
Scotland Primary (2017)				17.5%	86.2%	81.2%
Banavie Primary	137	0	<5	Small school/number	Small school/number	78.4%
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	69	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	75.9%
Caol Primary	224	0	9	11.9%	81.3%	87.5%
Invergarry Primary	32	0	0	Small school/number	No Provision	
Inverloch Primary	175	<5	28	14.6%	57.1%	57.8%
Lundavra Primary	228	<5	49	18.6%	58.3%	58.4%
Spean Bridge Primary	102	0	<5	13.2%	100%	82.6%
St Columba's RC Primary	100	0	11	Small school/number		76.9%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registration	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2017)				11.3%	77.4%
Scotland Secondary (2017)				14.7%	73.4%
Lochaber High School	830	12	60	9.5%	72.5%

*Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2017 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.

5. High Life Highland

<b>HLH Facilities and Services within the Lochaber Associated School Group Area</b>	<b>User Information</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>
Lochaber Leisure Centre and Hydrotherapy Pool	Uses	167721	141474	146325
Fort William Library	Visits	57241	57714	52942
Caol Library	Visits	8879	6019	10412
Mobile Library	Visits	14339	11154	9400
Kinlocheil Outdoor Centre	Bed Nights	213	179	456
Sports Pitches	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator (academic year, term time only)	Unique Participants	645	834	955
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	8103	8731	7108
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	258	245	*
Adult Learning	Literacy/ESOL Contacts	*	*	629

\* Due to commissioned classes being phased out and a refocus of Adult Learning in 2015/16 on literacy/ESOL work in priority communities the measurement has changed. (ESOL - English for Speakers of Other Languages)

**Programme Information:-**

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/lochaber-lesiure-centre/>

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/fort-william-library/>

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/caol-library/>

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/fort-william-mobile-library/>

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**SCHOOL ROLLS 2017-18 (August – first week back)**

<b>PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>P7</b>	<b>Total</b>
Banavie Primary	15	20	22	15	24	21	21	<b>154</b>
Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	16	8	10	11	11	14	7	<b>108</b>
Caol Primary	36	26	29	41	34	39	39	<b>291</b>
Invergarry Primary	6	4	2	7	4	5	4	<b>36</b>
Inverloch Primary	22	14	24	26	25	25	28	<b>191</b>
Lundavra Primary	27	31	32	34	29	32	27	<b>246</b>
Spean Bridge Primary	18	12	21	20	14	16	14	<b>133</b>
St Columba's Roman Catholic Primary	12	13	12	15	11	11	19	<b>107</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1075</b>

<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>S1</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>S3</b>	<b>S4</b>	<b>S5</b>	<b>S6</b>	<b>S1-S6</b>
Lochaber High School	147	180	154	123	127	110	<b>841</b>

<b>EARLY YEARS – NURSERY</b>	<b>3 yrs</b>	<b>4 or 5 yrs</b>
Banavie Primary Nursery	6	10
Caol Primary Nursery	12	35
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Nursery	23	15
Invergarry Primary Nursery	3	0
Inverloch Primary Nursery	13	16
Little Learners Day Care	13	7
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery	8	14
Lundavra Primary Nursery	16	20
Stramash Outdoor Nursery	27	17
St Columba's RC Primary Nursery	5	8

*In partner centres the figures are the enrolments for the year (some may start after August).  
In school nurseries the figures are those currently in nursery (August).*