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Report no	SCC/02/18

Committee: Sutherland County Committee

Date: 27 February 2018

Report Title: **Farr Associated School Group Overview**

Report By: Director of Care and Learning

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1. 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.
2. The primary schools in this area serve 74 pupils, with the secondary school serving 78 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

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

2. Recommendations

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

School Information

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

Primary

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

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

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Farr High School	Nov-09	Farr High 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

School/Nursery Inspections

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

Early Year Centre	Date of Latest Published Report	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

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
Farr High School	Bronze	Yes	3	3	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Farr (Suth) Primary School	Withdrawn	Yes	2	2	1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 May 2017. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2017-18.

Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Farr High School	13.8	4.78
Farr (Suth) Primary School	3.23	2.27
Melvich Primary School	2.47	0.72
Tongue Primary School	2.41	0.88
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	0.1	1.31
Melvich Primary Nursery	0.1	1.31
Tongue Pre-school Centre	0.0	1.29

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2017. 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 2017.

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

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

- 1.2 FTE ASN teachers
- 5.1 FTE PSA staff (142 hours assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

15	Pupils at level 2
2	Pupils at level 3
4	Pupils at level 4

Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2016/17	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2015/16
Farr High School	839,647	12,532	(29,059)
Farr (Suth) Primary School	128,904	4,604	(11)
Melvich Primary School	153,425	6,393	(1,592)
Tongue Primary School	137,946	8,114	1,609

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

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Farr High School	Poor	Poor	34.29%
Farr (Suth) Primary School	Poor	Poor	54.35%
Melvich Primary School	Poor	Poor	44.00%
Tongue Primary School	Satisfactory	Poor	42.00%

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

Pupil Information

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 2014 and 31 July 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%

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 no current Activity Agreements involving former pupils of Farr High.

Pupil Attendance 2015/16 /Absence 2015/16 /Exclusions 2016/17

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, next reporting year is 2018-19.

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
Farr (Suth) Primary School	96.2%	2.9%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
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	91.46%	5.9%	2.6%	39/1000	26/1000

(2015-16)					
Scotland Secondary (2014-15)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	50/1000	29/1000
Farr High School	90.1%	7.0%	2.6%	13/1000	13/1000

Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2017.

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%
Farr (Suth) Primary School	35	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	45.5%
Melvich Primary School	22	<5	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	88.9%
Tongue Primary School	18	0	0	Small school/number	Small school/number	87.5%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2017)				11.3%	77.4%
Scotland Secondary (2017)				14.7%	73.4%
Farr High School	78	<5	0	Small school/number	Small school/number

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.

* Dip in numbers due to staff vacancy which has been filled.

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/>

HLH Facilities and Services within the Farr Associated School Group Area	User Information	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Bettyhill Library and Service Point	Customer visits	832	1,157	3,405
Mobile Library	Customer visits	11,869	7,687	8,962
Portskerra Playing Field	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator (academic year, term time only)	Participant Sessions	1,014	836*	1,539
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	578	704	2,089

Designation: Education Quality Improvement Manager

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Background Papers:

SCHOOL ROLLS 2017-18

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SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
5110122	Melvich Primary School	4	3	5		2	5	3	22
5110220	Farr Primary School (Suth)	6	2	7	3	3	6	8	35
5110327	Tongue Primary School	3	4	4			3	4	18

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Farr High School	13	20	10	17	7	11	78

Nursery	N
Farr Primary (Suth) Nursery	12
Melvich Primary Nursery	9
Tongue Pre-school Centre	9