

Agenda Item	4.
Report No	SCC/14/19

Committee: Sutherland County Committee
Date: 22 August 2019
Report Title: Dornoch Associated School Group Overview
Report By: Interim Director of Care and Learning

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Dornoch 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 200 pupils, with the secondary school serving 183 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

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

2. Recommendations

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

3. School Information

- 3.1 Secondary – [Link to Dornoch Academy webpage](#)

Primary

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Bonar Bridge Primary ©	Bonar Bridge Primary webpage
Dornoch Primary ©	Dornoch Primary webpage

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

- 3.2 School/Nursery Inspections

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Dornoch Academy	May-09	Dornoch Academy Inspection
Bonar Bridge Primary	Aug-16	Bonar Bridge Primary Inspection
Dornoch Primary	Mar-10	Dornoch Primary Inspection

School/Nursery Inspections

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
Bonar Bridge Primary Nursery	May 2019	Very good	Very good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Dornoch Primary Nursery	Nov 2018	Very good	Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed

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
Dornoch Academy		Yes	15	15	0
Bonar Bridge Primary		Yes	2	2	1
Dornoch Primary		Yes	9	9	0

ECO School information is reported as at Jul 2019. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2018-19.

Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Dornoch Academy	22.4	7.84
Bonar Bridge Primary	3	0.47
Dornoch Primary	7.4	4.21
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Bonar Bridge Primary Nursery		
Dornoch Primary Nursery		

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2018. 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 2018.

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](#).

All the staffing posts indicated in the data have been filled. There is now a PT ASN for the 3-18 school. Previously there was not a PT for ASN in the Dornoch schools. For a new pupil who is expected we are going to use a new approach in order to be working in close partnership with NHS Highland to provide trained staff in school.

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

- 2 FTE ASN teachers
- 9.45 FTE PSA staff equivalent to 259.87 PSA hours

The identified level of need at start of session was:

17	Pupils at level 3
6	Pupils at level 4

Funding

School/ Nursery	Budget March 2017	Cost Per Pupil	Carry Fwd 15/16
Dornoch Academy	1,474,216	5,781	(22,049)
Bonar Bridge P.S.	203,011	4,229	(5,589)
Dornoch - Primary	478,101	2,933	(5,632)
Bonar Bridge N.S.	34,202	5,700	(1,107)
Dornoch N.S.	98,381	2,186	(450)

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

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Dornoch Academy	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	62%
Bonar Bridge Primary	Poor	Poor	37%
Dornoch Primary	Satisfactory	Poor	96%

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 2017 and 31 July 2018.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Dornoch Academy	90.6%	88%	98%
Highland	94.9%	95.5%	96%
Scotland	93.3%	93.7%	94%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Dornoch Academy	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2014/15	63	2700	53836
2015/16	53	2516	52249
2016/17	43	2411	51258
2017/18	47	2441	49724

% of Leavers	Dornoch Academy			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	15/16	16/17	17/18	15/16	16/17	17/18	15/16	16/17	17/18
Higher Education	24.5	44.19	46.81	37.2%	35.5	34.11	40.34	40.71	39.01
Further Education	15.1	20.93	8.51	21.3%	23.68	17.34	26.59	26.83	22.66
Training	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0%	1.74	0.98	2.58	2.43	1.68
Employment	49.1	20.93	42.55	32.7%	31.31	40.30	22.3	21.97	28.33
Voluntary	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.9%	0.83	0.70	0.51	0.55	0.59
Activity Agreements	0.0	2.33	0.0	1.8%	2.45	2.26	1.02	1.22	0.89
Unemployed Seeking	5.7	2.33	0.0	3.3%	1.41	1.44	5.1	4.47	3.92
Unemployed Not Seeking	3.8	6.98	0.0	1.4%	1.45	1.27	1.33	1.45	1.87
Unknown	0.0	2.33	2.13	0.4%	1.62	1.60	0.24	0.37	1.06

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 Dornoch Academy

4.2 Pupil Attendance/Absence/Exclusions 2017/18

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 (2017-18)	94.5%	4.3%	1.2%	5/1000	3/1000
Scotland Primary (2016-17)	94.9%	3.4%	1.6%	11/1000	5/1000
Bonar Bridge Primary	97.3%	2.6%	0.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Dornoch Primary	95.1%	4.0%	0.9%	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 (2017-18)	91%	6%	2.6%	44/1000	27/1000
Scotland Secondary (2016-17)	91.2%	5.3%	3.4%	48/1000	29/1000
Dornoch Academy (2017-18)	89.9%	7.1%	3.1%	0/1000	0/1000

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2019.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2018)				12.8%	76.8%	75.5%
Scotland Primary (2018)				17.1%	84.4%	79.6%
Bonar Bridge Primary	38	0	0	small school / number		76.9%
Dornoch Primary	163	<5	<5	7.6%	0.0%	90.6%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registration	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2018)				11.4%	76.6%
Scotland Secondary (2018)				14.7%	73.4%
Dornoch Academy	183	<5	<5	14.8%	93.3%

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2019 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.

HLH Facilities and Services within the Dornoch Associated School Group Area	User Information	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Bonar Bridge Library	Customer Visits	3,903	4,706	4,381
Dornoch Library	Customer Visits	16,227	18,078	16,265
Mobile Library	Customer Visits	8,260	8,176	7,133
Active Schools Coordinator (academic year)	Participant Sessions	21,034	23,845	22,889
Youth Development Officer	Attendances	2,697	2,513	2,665
Adult Learning	Attendances	105	23	9

Programme information

Bonar Bridge Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/bonarlib.htm>

Dornoch Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/dornochlib.htm>

Mobile Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/mobilelibraryservice/default.htm>

* 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)

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Background Papers:

SCHOOL ROLLS 2018-19 (2018 Census)

PRIMARY SCHOOL	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Bonar Bridge Primary	3	5	5	7	4	7	7	38
Dornoch Primary	18	22	26	27	20	33	17	163
Grand Total	21	27	31	34	24	40	24	201

SECONDARY SCHOOL	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Dornoch Academy	30	29	36	35	30	23	183

EARL YEARS – NURSERY	Total
Bonar Bridge Primary Nursery	14
Dornoch Primary Nursery	31

In school nurseries the figures are those of August 2018