

Agenda Item	9
Report No	WRSL/016/21

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Committee

Date: 19 August 2021

Report Title: Gairloch Associated School Group Overview

Report By: Director of Care and Learning

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

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

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The primary schools in this area serve over 140 pupils, with the secondary school serving 107 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

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

Recommendations

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

School Information

Secondary – [link to school webpage](#)

Primary

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Bualnaluib Primary School©	Bualnaluib Primary webpage
Gairloch Primary School	Gairloch Primary webpage
Kinlochewe Primary School©	Kinlochewe Primary webpage
Poolewe Primary School©	Poolewe Primary webpage
Shieldaig Primary School©	Shieldaig Primary webpage

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pa
Gairloch High School	Jan 2018	Gairloch High Inspection
Bualnaluib Primary School	Aug 2019	Bualnaluib Primary Inspection
Gairloch Primary School ©	June 2019	Gairloch Primary Inspection
Kinlochewe Primary School	May-08	Kinlochewe Primary Inspection
Poolewe Primary School ©	Aug-11	Poolewe Primary Inspection
Shieldaig Primary School	Aug 2016	Shieldaig 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
Bualnaluib Primary Nursery	12 June 2018	Very Good	N/A	Very Good
Gairloch Primary Nursery - EM	3 December 2019	Very Good	N/A	Good
Gairloch Primary Nursery - GM	3 December 2019	Very Good	Very Good	Good
Kinlochewe Primary Nursery	15 February 2018	Excellent	Very Good	N/A
Poolewe Primary Nursery	14 May 2019	Good	Adequate	N/A
Shieldaig Primary Nursery	13 February 2020	Very Good	Good	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
Gairloch High School		Yes	0	0	0
Bualnaluib Primary School		Yes	0	0	0
Gairloch Primary School		Yes	0	0	0
Kinlochewe Primary School	Green Flag	Yes	0	0	0
Poolewe Primary School		Yes	0	0	0
Shieldaig Primary School		Yes	0	0	0

ECO School information is reported as at May 2021. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2020-21.

Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (Hrs)
Gairloch High School	15.10	172.5
Bualnaluib Primary School	2.60	45
Gairloch Primary School	4.30	56
Kinlochewe Primary School	1.59	14
Poolewe Primary School	2.26	44
Shieldaig Primary School	1.68	42.5

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2020. 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.

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

- 0.4 FTE ASN teachers
- 8.2 FTE PSA staff (225.25 hours assuming FTE = 27.5hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

13	Pupils at level 3
6	Pupils at level 4

Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2019/20	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2018/19
Bualnaluib Nursery	38,587	4,287	(333)
Bualnaluib P.S.	149,916	5,997	(7,496)
Gairloch - English Nursery	39,511	3,951	(1,599)
Gairloch - Gaelic Nursery	13,864	4,621	(693)
Gairloch High School	1,231,956	9,777	(379)
Gairloch Primary School	326,261	4,870	(16,313)

Kinlochewe Nursery	21,765	3,628	(401)
Kinlochewe P.S.	90,455	22,614	(3,890)
Poolewe Nursery	35,936	5,989	(1,349)
Poolewe P.S.	134,356	6,718	(6,718)
Sheildaig Nursery	22,083	7,361	(1,104)
Shieldaig P.S.	93,284	10,365	(3,324)

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

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Gairloch High School	POOR	SATISFACTORY	34.71
Bualnaluib Primary School	POOR	SATISFACTORY	50
Gairloch Primary School	SATISFACTORY	SATISFACTORY	50.806
Kinlochewe Primary School	POOR	POOR	16
Poolewe Primary School	POOR	SATISFACTORY	44
Shieldaig Primary School	POOR	POOR	39.13

Building suitability, condition and capacity levels are as reported on the 2020 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 2015 and 31 July 2016.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Gairloch High School	100%	85%	100%
Highland	96%	94.8%	92.6%
Scotland	96%	95.1%	93.4%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Gairloch High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2017/18	27	2441	49724
2018/19	20	2264	49717
2019/20	21	2216	47435

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Gairloch HS			HIGHLAND			SCC	
	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19
Higher Education	44.4%	45.0%	38.1%	35.15	32.20	39.53	41.1	41.1
Further Education	14.8%	5.0%	19.0%	19.87	23.14	25.41	26.5	26.5
Training	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	1.35	4.81	3.20	2.1	2.1
Employment	37.0%	35.0%	38.1%	36.62	33.88	23.83	22.7	22.7
Voluntary	3.70%	0.00%	0.00%	0.78	0.71	0.50	0.7	0.7
Activity Agreements	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%	2.17			1.2	1.2
Unemployed Seeking	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	1.80	2.08	4.42	3.8	3.8
Unemployed Not Seeking	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	1.15	1.46	2.17	1.3	1.3
Unknown	3.70%	0.00%	0.00%	1.07	1.68	0.86	0.4	0.4

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 Gairloch High.

Pupil Attendance 2018/19 /Absence 2018/19 /Exclusions 2018/19

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis, next reporting year is 2020-21.

SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils
Highland Primary (2018-19)	94.5%	4.2%	1.3%	5/1000
Scotland Primary (2018-19)	94.5%	3.6%	1.9%	8/1000
Bualnaluib Primary School	96.69%	3.23%	0.09%	0
Gairloch Primary School	95.67%	2.81%	1.52%	0
Kinlochewe Primary School	93.39%	6.10%	0.51%	0
Poolewe Primary School	94.93%	5.05%	0.02%	0
Shieldaig Primary School	94.68%	2.84%	2.48%	0

SCHOOL	% Actual Attendances	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	No of Exclusions and Rates per 1000 Pupils	No Exclusion Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Secondary (2018-19)	90.1%	6.3%	3.5%	35.7/1000	24.7
Scotland Secondary (2018-19)	90.7%	5.5%	3.7%	40/1000	
Gairloch HS (2018-19)	90.62%	5.60%	3.77%	56.1/1000	28.5

Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2020.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-
Highland Primary (2020)				14.4%	74.8%	79.7%
Scotland Primary (2020)				19.9%	81.4%	75.7%
Bualnaluib Primary School	29		<5	<5	100%	100%
Gairloch Primary School	53		<5	<5	100%	100%
Kinlochewe Primary School	4			0		
Poolewe Primary School	16	<5		<5	100%	100%
Shieldaig Primary School	14			<5	100%	100%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2020)				11.6 %	77.6%
Scotland Secondary (2020)				15.6%	70.9%
Gairloch High School	107		8	13.16%	86.67%

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2020 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.

Implications

Resource – There are no additional resource implications to The Highland Council.

Legal – None

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – Improved opportunities for young people to be involved in local decision making.

Climate Change/Carbon Clever – There are no climate change/carbon clever implications.

Risk – None

Gaelic – None

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Background Papers:

SCHOOL ROLLS 2020-21

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Estimated Rolls Session 2020-
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SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
5113725	Bualnaluib Primary School	4	4	3	9	4	4	1	29
5153425	Gairloch Primary School	6	5	7	9	7	6	13	53
5116023	Kinlochewe Primary School		1	1	1			1	4
5117429	Poolewe Primary School	1	6	2	1	1	4	1	16
5117828	Shieldaig Primary School	4		6	1		1	2	14

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Gairloch High School	18	11	27	21	14	16	107

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERIES ESTIMATES AUGUST 2020

Nursery	N
Bualnaluib Primary Nursery	6
Gairloch Primary Nursery – EM	13
Gairloch Primary Nursery – GM	0
Kinlochewe Primary Nursery	3
Poolewe Primary Nursery	0
Shieldaig Primary Nursery	11