

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee:	Area Committee
Date:	8 November, 2021
Report Title:	Lochaber High School Associated School Group Overview
Report By:	Executive Chief Officer Education and Learning

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Lochaber High School 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 979 pupils, with the secondary school serving 892 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. Implications

- 3.1 *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

School Information

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

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Banavie Primary	Banavie webpage
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	Bun-sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar webpage
Caol Primary	Caol webpage
Invergarry Primary	Invergarry webpage
Inverlochy Primary	Inverlochy webpage
Lundavra Primary	Lundavra webpage
Spean Bridge Primary	Spean Bridge webpage
St Columba's RC Primary	St Columba's RC webpage

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Lochaber High School	Jan-14	Lochaber High Inspection
Banavie Primary	Oct-07	Banavie Primary Inspection
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	None to date	Bun-sgoil Ghaidhlig Loch Abar Inspection
Caol Primary	Mar-20	Caol Primary Inspection
Invergarry Primary	Aug-16	Invergarry Primary Inspection
Inverlochy Primary	Nov-13	Inverlochy Primary Inspection
Lundavra Primary	Aug-18	Lundavra Primary Inspection
Spean Bridge Primary	Sep-08	Spean Bridge Primary Inspection
St Columba's RC Primary	None to date	St Columba's RC 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
Banavie Primary Nursery	30 Nov 2017	5 - Very Good (I)	5 - Very Good (I)	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Caol Primary Nursery	29 Nov 2017	5 - Very Good (I)	4 - Good (I)	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Nursery	05 Oct 2017	5 - Very Good (I)	5 - Very Good (I)	Not Assessed	Not Assessed

<i>Invergarry Primary Nursery</i>	<i>19 Apr 2018</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>
<i>Inverlochry Primary Nursery</i>	<i>15 Jun 2018</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>
<i>Spean Bridge Primary Nursery</i>	<i>11 May 2018</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>
<i>Lundavra Primary Nursery</i>	<i>25 Sep 2017</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>	<i>4 - Good (I)</i>
<i>Stramash Outdoor Nursery</i>	<i>03 Aug 2021</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>
<i>St Columba's RC Primary Nursery</i>	<i>06 Dec 2017</i>	<i>5 - Very Good (I)</i>	<i>4 - Good (I)</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>	<i>Not Assessed</i>

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
<i>Lochaber High School</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Banavie Primary</i>	<i>Green Flag</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Caol Primary</i>	<i>Green Flag</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Invergarry Primary</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Inverlochry Primary</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Lundavra Primary</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Spean Bridge Primary</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>St Columba's RC Primary</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2021-22.

Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (Hours)
<i>Lochaber High School</i>	<i>64.46</i>	<i>881.5</i>
<i>Banavie Primary</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>417.91</i>
<i>Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>142.75</i>
<i>Caol Primary</i>	<i>13.6</i>	<i>145</i>
<i>Invergarry Primary</i>	<i>2.68</i>	<i>352.25</i>
<i>Inverlochry Primary</i>	<i>9.4</i>	<i>86</i>
<i>Lundavra Primary</i>	<i>12.35</i>	<i>84.42</i>
<i>Spean Bridge Primary</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>283.75</i>

St Columba's RC Primary	3	267.33
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Banavie Primary Nursery	0.1	70
Caol Primary Nursery	0.2	228
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar Nursery	0.2	137
Invergarry Primary Nursery	0.05	59
Inverlochy Primary Nursery	0.4	263.5
Little Learners Day Care Nursery	N/A	246
Spean Bridge Primary Nursery	0.05	80
Lundavra Primary Nursery	0.3	278*
Stramash Outdoor Nursery	N/A	341
St Columba's RC Primary Nursery	0.1	64

* Including Equity & Excellence Lead post 35hrs

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sep 2021. 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 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:

- 8.25 FTE ASN teachers
- 67.56 FTE PSA staff (1857.94 hours assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

306	Pupils at level 2
119	Pupils at level 3
87	Pupils at level 4

Funding

Unit Desc	Budget Aug 1920	Cost Per Pupil	Carry Fwd 1819
Banavie P.S.	416,774	3,231	(8,733)
Banavie PS Nursery	66,544	2,893	(3,327)
Caol P.S.	803,987	3,295	(30,522)
Caol PS Nursery	174,142	3,002	(1,294)
Invergarry Nursery	26,055	6,514	(1,303)

<i>Invergarry P.S.</i>	173,092	5,245	(2,770)
<i>Inverlochy Nursery</i>	115,434	3,607	(1,577)
<i>Inverlochy P.S.</i>	513,881	3,359	2,653
<i>Lochaber High School</i>	4,152,029	4,811	(107,113)
<i>Lochyside/St. Columba R.C</i>	330,967	4,940	(16,548)
<i>Lochyside/St. Columba R.C Nsy</i>	40,310	3,101	(1,028)
<i>Spean Bridge Nursery</i>	83,822	4,657	1,012
<i>Spean Bridge P.S.</i>	336,999	3,092	(1,455)
<i>St Brides</i>	39,661	4,407	(889)

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

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
<i>Lochaber High School</i>	A	A	77.7
<i>Banavie Primary</i>	B	C	84.67
<i>Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar</i>	A	A	105
<i>Caol Primary</i>	A	A	85.92
<i>Invergarry Primary</i>	B	B	68
<i>Inverlochy Primary</i>	B	C	82.32
<i>Lundavra Primary</i>	A	A	64.35
<i>Spean Bridge Primary</i>	A	A	86.4
<i>St Columba's RC Primary</i>	A	A	42.67

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 2019 and 31 July 2020.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
<i>Lochaber High School</i>	99.37%	96.77%	92.55%
<i>Highland</i>	95.99%	94.79%	92.55%
<i>Scotland</i>	94.40%	95.05%	93.36%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Lochaber High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2017/18	159	2099	49707
2018/19	124	2068	49717

2019/20	143	2059	47430
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Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Lochaber High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20
Higher Education	28.93	26.61	26.57	34.11	32.74	23.83	41.1	40.35	44.20
Further Education	23.27	29.03	37.76	17.34	23.14	25.41	26.5	27.27	28.06
Training		4.84	0.70	0.98	4.81	3.20	2.1	3.47	3.68
Employment	44.03	36.29	30.77	40.30	33.88	23.83	22.7	22.92	16.18
Voluntary	1.26			0.70	0.71	0.50	0.7	0.58	0.45
Activity Agreements	1.89			2.26			1.2		
Unemployed Seeking	0.63	2.42	2.10	1.44	2.08	4.42	3.8	3.12	4.14
Unemployed Not Seeking		0.81	0.70	1.27	1.46	2.17	1.3	1.41	1.83
Unknown			1.40	1.6	0.42	0.86	0.4	0.42	0.67

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 Lochaber High.

Pupil Attendance/Absence/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	No Pupils Excluded and Rate per 1000 Pupils
Highland Primary (2018-19)	94.5%	4.2%	1.3%	5/1000	3/1000
Scotland Primary (2018-19)	94.5%	3.6%	1.9%	8/1000	
Banavie Primary	94.3%	4.0%	1.7%	0/1000	0/1000
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	94.6%	4.7%	0.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Caol Primary	94.1%	5.0%	0.9%	0/1000	0/1000
Invergarry Primary	94.6%	2.7%	1.4%	0/1000	0/1000
Inverlochry Primary	92.5%	5.9%	1.8%	6.4/1000	6.4/1000
Lundavra Primary	93.4%	6.5%	0.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Spean Bridge Primary	93.9%	5.8%	0.4%	0/1000	0/1000
St Columba's RC Primary	92.2%	6.6%	1.3%	13.5/1000	13.5/1000

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 (2018-19)	90.1%	6.3%	3.5%	35.7/1000	24.4/1000
Scotland Secondary (2018-19)	90.7%	5.5%	3.7%	40/1000	
Lochaber High School	87.0%	9.7%	3.8%	27.7/1000	21.7/1000

Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2021.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2020)				14.4%	74.8%	79.7%
Scotland Primary (2020)				19.9%	81.4%	75.7%
Banavie Primary	112	0	<5	7.1%	100.0%	88.1%
Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	125	<5	0	7.9%	100.0%	80.3%
Caol Primary	238	<5	10	13.4%	77.8%	68.2%
Invergarry Primary	24	0	0	9.5%	100.0%	100.0%
Inverlochry Primary	145	<5	30	11.6%	45.5%	57.4%
Lundavra Primary	205	<5	43	20.0%	53.8%	63.0%
Spean Bridge Primary	101	<5	<5	8.9%	60.0%	73.9%
St Columba's RC Primary	29	0	10	23.1%	100.0%	60.9%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registration	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2020)				11.6 %	77.6%
Scotland Secondary (2020)				15.6%	70.9%
Lochaber High School	892	12	90	8.2%	83.9%

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.

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Background Papers:

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Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Banavie Primary	14	8	16	13	16	19	26	112
Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar	23	22	27	20	16	8	9	125
Caol Primary	20	27	45	39	43	33	31	238
Invergarry Primary	1	3	2	4	7	5	2	24
Inverlochy Primary	26	19	18	18	21	19	24	145
Lundavra Primary	32	29	25	31	25	32	31	205
Spean Bridge Primary	13	13	12	13	20	10	20	101
St Columba's Roman Catholic Primary	4	4	2	4	5	2	8	29
Grand Total	133	125	147	142	153	128	151	979

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Lochaber High School	167	164	174	167	120	100	892