

Name of consultation: GM Plockton Primary school and Lochcarron Primary school

Your comments: This proposal removes the access to GME for the Applecross community. This is addressed by the Council seeking to secure the provision of GME in response to a request by 75% of Applecross Primary School (8 children).

However, the Council has not yet been able to recruit a member of staff to provide this GME. The shortage of GME teachers in Scotland is well documented at present, and so it is quite probable that this position will not be filled within the two-year timeframe that the Council has set for recruitment. If the position is not filled, what provision is available for Applecross community? How is the Council seeking to attract GME teachers to rural schools?

In Response 1, the Council refers to the Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education which lays down a process by which parents can request an assessment of the need for Gaelic medium primary education (GMPE) in their local area. However, this process requires a minimum of 5 children in one year group to trigger an assessment. The average intake to Applecross primary is approximately 1-2 children per year, and so it is very difficult for a small school, such as Applecross, to achieve this threshold. Will the Council consider reducing this minimum threshold for Applecross and other small, rural schools? Or what alternative GME provision is available in this scenario?

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