

Research Conclusions

Co-dhùnaidhean Rannsachaidh

"Gaelic-medium pupils perform better than their English-medium peers in English reading and at least as well in science, mathematics and English writing."

Dr Wilson McLeod
The University of Edinburgh



BILINGUALISM

a lot more than two languages

Would you like your child to be bilingual?



What Support is there for Parents who have no Gaelic?

Dè an Taic a th' ann do Phàrantan aig nach eil Gàidhlig?

Assistance with homework is available from your local school and on-line at:

www.highland.gov.uk

www.gaelic4parents.com

www.parant.org.uk

There are also a number of Gaelic language classes across the Highland area:
Email: gaelic@highland.gov.uk

Gaelic Pre-school Provision

Solar Ro-sgoile Gàidhlig

Across Highland there are Gaelic Parent and Toddler Groups, Play Groups and Gaelic Medium Nurseries. Children are introduced to Gaelic through songs, rhymes, games, and Gaelic phrases, making it fun and easy to join in.

Gaelic Medium Primary Provision

Solar Foghlam Bun-sgoile tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig

GME is provided within a number of Primary Schools throughout the Highlands and you can enrol your child at P1.



The Highland Council
Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

**...CHOOSE GAELIC
...TAGH A' GHÀIDHLIG**

FURTHER INFORMATION TUILLEADH FIOSRACHAIDH

Contact your local Gaelic Nursery, Primary School or Area Education Office or Email: gaelic@highland.gov.uk



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Why be Bilingual?

Carson Dà-chànanas?

- ▶ Gaelic-medium pupils acquire or develop an extra language without loss in any other curricular areas.*
- ▶ Learning Gaelic at a young age makes it easier to learn other European languages.
- ▶ Pupils who grow up with more than one language have a range of mental benefits that make them better at learning and more effective at dealing with complex situations.*
- ▶ Gaelic gives the Highlands a distinct identity. It creates the sense of a place that respects its heritage and its culture; and which is proud of Gaelic's national and international significance.
- ▶ Gaelic can open doors to many career opportunities such as the media, arts, business, management, teaching, local and national government.

*Professor Antonella Sorace
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What is Gaelic Medium Education?

Dè tha ann am Foghlam tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig?

Gaelic Medium Education (GME) is a tried and tested way of ensuring that children learn to communicate in Gaelic.

GME gives children an opportunity to learn Gaelic in the most natural way possible as the language is being absorbed through their learning.

Pupils in GME follow the same curriculum as those in English medium and are taught the same subjects.

Initially reading and writing is established in Gaelic and later in both languages.

GME is available to children from Gaelic and non-Gaelic speaking homes.

WHAT WE THINK OF GAELIC MEDIUM EDUCATION AR BEACHDAN AIR FOGHLAM TRO MHEADHAN NA GÀIDHLIG

PARENTS PÀRANTAN

"I value the fact that my child has been able to follow the same curriculum as English but has learnt an additional language too."

Lisa

"Our son is now in P1. They seem to soak up the language like wee sponges at that age!"

Maggie

"Not having Gaelic ourselves has not been a problem. The children just discuss their work with us in English."

Iain

"It will be easier for them to learn a third or fourth language."

Maria

TEACHERS TIDSEARAN

"Benefits of bilingualism are recognised worldwide and should certainly be embraced when the opportunity is on our own doorstep! I didn't even have Gaelic at home and now I teach the subject with a great passion, all thanks to GME!"

Secondary Gaelic Teacher

"There are increasing opportunities for pupils to undertake a range of courses through Gàidhlig, leading to more opportunities for sustained employment."

Primary Head Teacher (Gàidhlig)

PRIMARY PUPILS SGOILEARAN BUN-SGOILE

"I teach Gaelic to my Mum and my wee brother."

Anna

"I just love talking in Gaelic."

David

"I speak Gaelic to my Grandfather."

Eilidh

SECONDARY PUPILS SGOILEARAN ÀRD-SGOILE

"Gaelic offers many opportunities including music, step-dancing, media, culture and also a sense of identity as a young Scot!"

Catriona

"I like Gaelic because it is part of Scotland's history and culture and it also opens up all sorts of opportunities for young people."

Calum

