

The Highland Council

Sutherland County Committee – 30 November 2016

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Dornoch Associated School Group Overview

Report by Director of Care and Learning

Summary

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.

1.0 ASG PROFILE

The primary schools in this area serve over 210 pupils, with the secondary school serving 222 young people.

ASG roll projections can be found at:

http://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/858/school_roll_forecasts_2014-15

There are currently no Head Teacher vacancies in the ASG and all schools receive support through the Quality Improvement Team and the Area Office.

1.1 Attainment and Achievement

1.1.1 Dornoch Academy- 2016

Attainment – Performance Summary

1.1.2 Wider Achievement & Notable Successes

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

Primary by School:

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

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

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Dornoch Academy	May 2009	Dornoch Academy Inspection
Bonar Bridge Primary School ©	Aug 2016	Bonar Bridge Primary Inspection
Dornoch Primary School	Mar 2010	Dornoch Primary Inspection
3 registered childminders		

© Denotes school part of a "cluster" management arrangement

Early Years Centres

Link to Care Inspectorate website: [Find a care service](#)

Key appointments have been made to support Early Years provision in Sutherland. Tina Lear has recently been seconded to the post of Early Years Officer. Tina will be based in Drummuie but have responsibility to support and help to manage Early Years Centres across the North. We have also appointed Joyce Kullas to the post of Early Years Education Support Officer for Sutherland. Joyce will offer support and curriculum guidance to all Early Years Centres in Sutherland. Joyce and Tina are due to start their new roles by the end of November, I am sure that you will join me in wishing them every success.

Early Year Centre	Inspection Month	Quality of Care & Support	Quality of Environment	Quality of Staffing	Quality of Management & Leadership
Bonar Bridge Primary Nursery EM & GM	May-16	Very good	Very good	good	good
Dornoch Primary Nursery	Nov-15	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good

1.1.3 Destinations 16+

Leaver destination information is taken from the School Leaver Destination Return (SLDR) which is a statistical return undertaken 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 2014 and 31 July 2015. This exercise was carried out during the month of September 2015.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Dornoch Academy	93.3%	97.7%	93.7%
Highland	93.1%	92.7%	93.7%
Scotland	91.4%	92.3%	92.9%

Leaver Destinations for Dornoch

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Dornoch Academy	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2012/13	45	2579	52792
2013/14	43	2601	51876
2014/15	63	2700	53836

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Dornoch Academy			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	12/13	13/14	14/15	12/13	13/14	14/15	12/13	13/14	14/15
Higher Education	35.6%	41.9%	47.6%	33.7%	32.3%	34.1%	36.5%	38.6%	38.3%
Further Education	31.1%	16.3%	15.9%	23.7%	23.8%	26.3%	27.8%	26.3%	27.8%
Training	0.0%	2.3%	0%	1.9%	2.3%	1.5%	5.0%	4.1%	3.8%
Employment	24.4%	34.9%	30.2%	31.2%	31.9%	29.1%	20.4%	21.7%	21.7%
Voluntary	0.0%	0.0%	0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Activity Agreements	2.2%	2.3%	0%	1.9%	1.5%	1.9%	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%
Unemployed Seeking	4.4%	2.3%	4.8%	5.6%	4.8%	4.2%	7.1%	6.3%	5.4%
Unemployed Not Seeking	2.2%	0.0%	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0%	0.5%	1.2%	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%

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.

1.2 Pupils

Roll, Looked After and EAL pupil numbers have been taken from the Pupil Census carried out in September 2016.

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Registered P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P4-7	Free Meals Uptake P1-3
Highland Primary (2016)				13.4%	86.0%	76.6%
Scotland Primary (2016)				17.9%	87.3%	81.7%
Bonar Bridge Primary School	37	0	0	small school / number	small school / number	82.6%
Dornoch Primary School	180	<5	<5	14.9%	91.7%	80.0%

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2016)				10.8%	82.5%
Scotland Secondary (2016)				14.2%	73.9%
Dornoch Academy	222	<5	<5	10.1%	78.9%

Free School Meal information extracted from Healthy Living Survey collected February 2016 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.

1.2.1 Attendance/Absence/Exclusion Profile 2015/16

Scottish Government collect Attendance, Absence and Exclusions on a bi-annual basis.

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 (2014-15)	95.0%	4.0%	1.0%	7/1000	5/1000
Scotland Primary (2014-15)	94.9%	3.8%	1.3%	9/1000	5/1000
Bonar Bridge Primary School	96.13%	3.34%	0.54%	0/1000	0/1000
Dornoch Primary School	93.94%	4.77%	1.29%	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 (2014-15)	90.8%	5.8%	3.2%	38/1000	26/1000
Scotland Secondary (2014-15)	91.9%	5.4%	2.5%	50/1000	29/1000
Dornoch Academy	92.03%	5.59%	2.37%	9/1000	9/1000

1.3 School

SCHOOL	ECO School	Travel Plan	Improving through Self-Evaluation and Improving Services	No of Placing Requests In	No of Placing Requests in Granted	No of Placing Requests Out Granted
Dornoch Academy	Green flag	yes	Good (2009)	8	8	1
Bonar Bridge Primary School	Green flag	yes	Good (2016)	1	1	0
Dornoch Primary School	Silver	yes	Satisfactory (2010)	2	2	1

ECO School information is reported as at Oct 2016. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2015-16.

It should be noted that all placing requests in/out of these schools were able to be accommodated this year. There were therefore no parental appeals lodged for this ASG.

1.4 ECS Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (FTE)
Dornoch Academy	23.0	7.61
Bonar Bridge Primary School	3.5	1.10
Dornoch Primary School	8.7	3.24
Nursery	Total Teacher FTE	Total Staff (FTE)
Bonar Bridge Primary Nursery	0.1	1.38
Dornoch Primary Nursery	0.1	3.82

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2016. 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 2016.

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.

- Primary School Rolls as at September 2016 – Appendix

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:

- 2.4 FTE ASN teachers
- 243 hours PSA staff (assuming FTE = 27.5 hrs) 8.84 FTE

The identified level of need at start of session was:

31	Pupils at level 2
13	Pupils at level 3
7	Pupils at level 4

1.5 Funding

School/ Nursery	Devolved Budget 2014/15	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2013/14	Devolved Budget 2015/16	Cost per pupil	Carry Forward from 2014/15
Dornoch Academy	1,337,243	5,224	-44,124	1,447,076	5,742	(41,737)
Bonar Bridge Primary	178,947	3,254	-1,051	199,738	4,250	(5,197)
Dornoch Primary	401,900	2,679	-14,054	451,700	2,859	(14,449)

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

1.6 Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Dornoch Academy	B	B	65%
Bonar Bridge Primary School	C	C	33%
Dornoch Primary School	B	C	66%

Building suitability, condition and capacity levels are as reported on the 2016 School Estate Core Facts return.

3.0 HIGH LIFE HIGHLAND IN DORNOCH ASG

HLH Facilities and Services within the Dornoch Associated School Group Area	User Information	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Bonar Bridge Library	Customer Visits	3666	4303	4121
Dornoch Library	Customer Visits	12259	10504	11877
Mobile Library	Customer Visits	10829	6266	10066
Active Schools Coordinator (figures for academic years, term time only)	Unique Participants	284	259	250
Youth Development Officer	Contacts with Young People	3210	2931	2595
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	88	62	115

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>

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to scrutinise and note the content of the report.

Signature:

Designation: Director of Care and Learning

Author:

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SCHOOL ROLLS

Rolls Session 2016-17

SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
5107725	Bonar Bridge Primary	6	10	4	8	7	1	1	37
5110629	Dornoch Primary	29	25	19	34	18	27	28	180

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Dornoch Academy	35	37	32	39	42	37	222

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERIES SEPTEMBER 2016

Nursery	Deferred Entry	N4 (Sep)	N3 (Sep)
Bonar Bridge Primary Nursery	0	4	0
Dornoch Primary Nursery	0	26	7