

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Agenda Item	7.
Report No	CC/18/21

Committee:	Caithness Committee
Date:	12 August 2021
Report Title:	Wick Associated School Group Overview
Report By:	ECO Education & Learning

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Wick 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 around 940 pupils, with the secondary school serving 712 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.

School Information

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

Primary

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Bower Primary School ©	Bower Primary webpage
Canisbay Primary School ©	Canisbay Primary webpage
Dunbeath Primary School ©	Dunbeath Primary webpage
Keiss Primary School	Keiss Primary webpage
Lybster Primary School ©	Lybster Primary webpage
Newton Park Primary School	Newton Park Primary webpage
Noss Primary School	Noss Primary webpage
Thrumster Primary School ©	Thrumster Primary webpage
Watten Primary School ©	Watten Primary webpage

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Wick High School	Follow Up Jan-12	Wick High Inspection
Bower Primary School	Aug-13	Bower Primary Inspection
Canisbay Primary School	Jan-19	Canisbay Primary Inspection
Dunbeath Primary School	Apr-10	Dunbeath Primary Inspection
Keiss Primary School	Follow Up Jan-14	Keiss Primary Inspection
Lybster Primary School	Jan-09	Lybster Primary Inspection
Newton Park Primary School		Newton Park Primary Inspection
Noss Primary School	Feb-20	Noss Primary Inspection
Thrumster Primary School	Jan-20	Thrumster Primary Inspection
Watten Primary School	Sep-09	Watten 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	Quality of Management & Leadership
Bower Busy Bees Pre-school	Jun-18	Good	Good	Not Assessed	Good
Canisbay Primary Nursery	Feb-18	Very good	Very good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Dunbeath Pre-school	Jul-19	Very good	Very good	Very Good	Very Good
Noss Primary Nursery	Nov-19	Very good	Very good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Keiss Primary Nursery	Sep-19	Very Good	Very Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Lybster Primary Nursery	March-18	Good	good	good	good
Newton Park Primary Nursery	Dec-18	Very Good	good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Thrumster Primary Nursery	Nov-17	Very good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	Very good
Watten Pre-school Playgroup	Oct-18	Excellent	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	Very 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
Wick High School		yes	0	0	4
Bower Primary School	Green Flag	yes	1	1	
Canisbay Primary School		yes	0	0	
Dunbeath Primary School		no	2	2	
Keiss Primary School		yes	0	0	
Lybster Primary School		yes	0	0	2
Newton Park Primary School		yes	10	10	11
Noss Primary School		yes	11	11	7
Thrumster Primary School		no	1	1	3
Watten Primary School		yes	1	1	0

ECO School information is reported as at December 2020. 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)
Wick High School	53.22	669.25
Bower Primary School	2.13	29
Canisbay Primary School	2.8	72.5
Dunbeath Primary School	2.9	48.5
Keiss Primary School	3.63	49
Lybster Primary School	5.1	88
Newton Park Primary School	17.5	434
Noss Primary School	17.4	436.33
Thrumster Primary School	2.8	43
Watten Primary School	2.6	43.5
Nursery		Total Staff (FTE)
Bower Busy Bees Pre-school		
Canisbay Primary Nursery		1.8
Dunbeath Pre-school		1.9
Noss Primary Nursery		8.67
Keiss Primary Nursery		1.8
Lybster Primary Nursery		2.1
Newton Park Primary Nursery		7.54
Thrumster Primary Nursery		1.8

School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 2019. 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:

- 8.7 ASN teachers
- 40 FTE PSA staff (1,100 hours assuming FTE = 27.5hrs)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

94	Pupils at level 3
32	Pupils at level 4

Funding

School/ Nursery	Budget 1920	Cost Per Pupil	Carry Fwd 1819
Bower P.S.	159,260	6,125	(4,107)
Canisbay P.S.	211,394	4,916	(6,960)
Dunbeath P.S.	171,147	6,112	(2,465)
Keiss P.S.	246,785	5,365	(1,689)
Lybster P.S.	302,264	3,515	(3,020)
Newtonpark P.S.	1,067,923	3,160	(53,396)
Noss P.S.	1,127,876	3,377	(8,483)
Thrumster P.S.	166,870	4,908	(6,950)
Watten P.S.	216,603	5,037	(10,830)
Wick H.S.	3,373,000	4,812	(168,650)

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

Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Wick High School	A	A	89.7
Bower Primary School	B	B	42
Canisbay Primary School	B	C	53.3
Dunbeath Primary School	B	B	56
Keiss Primary School	C	B	60
Lybster Primary School	B	C	64.8
Newton Park Primary School	A	A	92.1
Noss Primary School	A	A	82.6
Thrumster Primary School	B	B	66
Watten Primary School	B	B	56

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
Wick High School	95.4%	92.1%	94.8%
Highland	96%	94.8%	92.6%
Scotland	96%	95.1%	93.4%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Wick High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2017/18	131	2441	49724
2018/19	139	2264	49717
2019/20	116	2216	47435

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Wick High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20
Higher Education	24.43	26.62	33.62	35.15	32.20	39.53	41.1	40.35	44.20
Further Education	24.43	27.34	36.21	19.87	23.14	25.41	26.5	27.27	28.06
Training	0.76	5.76	6.03	1.35	4.81	3.20	2.1	3.47	3.68
Employment	42.75	32.37	18.97	36.62	33.88	23.83	22.7	22.92	16.18
Voluntary	0.0			0.78	0.71	0.50	0.7	0.58	0.45
Activity Agreements	3.05			2.17			1.2		
Unemployed Seeking	0.76	5.04	0.86	1.80	2.08	4.42	3.8	3.12	4.14
Unemployed Not Seeking	2.29	1.44	4.31	1.15	1.46	2.17	1.3	1.41	1.83
Unknown	1.53	1.44		1.07	1.68	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.

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	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	
Bower Primary School	95.7%	3.2%	1.1%	0/1000	0/1000
Canisbay Primary School	95.4%	3.4%	1.3%	0/1000	0/1000
Dunbeath Primary School	97.5%	2.2%	0.3%	0/1000	0/1000
Keiss Primary School	96.2%	2.3%	1.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Lybster Primary School	95.8%	3.9%	0.3%	0/1000	0/1000
Newton Park Primary School	94.8%	3.7%	1.4%	5.8/1000	5.8/1000
Noss Primary School	94.6%	4.6%	0.7%	9/1000	6/1000
Thrumster Primary School	95.8%	3.5%	0.7%	0/1000	0/1000
Watten Primary School	97.0%	2.5%	0.5%	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 (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	
Wick High School	89.7%	7.1%	3.1%	23.3/1000	20.4/1000

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 P1-3
Highland Primary (2020)				14.4%	74.8%	79.7%
Scotland Primary (2020)				19.9%	81.4%	75.7%
Bower Primary School	18	0	0	small school/number		40.0%
Canisbay Primary School	37	0	0	small school/number		75.0%
Dunbeath Primary School	30	0	0	small school/number		85.7%
Keiss Primary School	48	0	0	small school/number		47.6%
Lybster Primary School	82	<5	<5	16.7%	77.8%	85.71%
Newton Park Primary School	331	11	10	23.2%	100.0%	80.58%
Noss Primary School	324	6	<5	21.9%	65.0%	80.58%
Thrumster Primary School	34	<5	0	small school/number		91.7%
Watten Primary School	36	0	0	small school/number		70.6%

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%
Wick High School	712	20	23	16.2%	75.6%

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.

High Life Highland

HLH Facilities and Services within the Wick Associated School Group Area	User Information	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
East Caithness Community Facility (formerly Wick Swimming Pool)	Customer Visits	163,964	237,071*	12,526
East Caithness Community Facility (Wick Library)	Customer Visits	170,549	245,160*	-
Far North Mobile Library	Customer Visits	7,804	7,446	112
Nucleus (formerly North Highland Archive Centre)	Customer Visits	32,734	36,085	79,577
Caithness Broch Centre	Customer Visits	432	553	-
Wick Assembly Rooms	Customer Visits	36,900	36,684	-
Sports Pitches: Harmsworth Playing Field Wick Riverside Park Rosebank Playing Field KGV Playing Field Lower Bignold Playing Field Upper Bignold Playing Field & Changing Watten Playing Field & Changing Dunbeath Playing Field Thrumster Playing Field	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Active Schools Coordinator (academic year, term time only)	Participant Sessions	6,685	5,267	1,071**
Youth Development Officer	Attendances	3137	4,886	4,454
Adult Learning	Unique Participants	787	875	40

* New facility

** Incomplete stats due to Coronavirus.

Programme Information:-

East Caithness Community Facility - <https://www.highlifehighland.com/eccf/>

St Fergus Gallery - <https://www.highlifehighland.com/st-fergus-gallery/>

Wick Library - <https://www.highlifehighland.com/wick-library/>

Wick Archive Centre - <https://www.highlifehighland.com/caithness-archive-centre/>

Mobile Library - <https://www.highlifehighland.com/far-north-mobile-library/>

Caithness Broch Centre - <http://www.caithnessbrochcentre.co.uk/>

Implications

Resource – All work will be managed within budget allocations

Legal – Statutory requirements are met as necessary

Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) – N/A

Climate Change/Carbon Clever – N/A

Risk – N/A

Gaelic – Where GME/GLE is delivered in schools, we continue to support and further develop this.

Designation: North Education and Learning Manager

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SCHOOL ROLLS 2020-21

SEED Code	School Name	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	TOTAL
5133327	Bower Primary School		3	1	6	1	4	3	18
5136520	Canisbay Primary School	6	4	1	11	4	6	5	37
5133629	Dunbeath Primary School	3	3	5	1	7	4	7	30
5134226	Keiss Primary School	7	6	7	8	8	3	9	48
5134625	Lybster Primary School	11	8	8	14	9	17	15	82
5136423	Newton Park Primary School	44	45	44	48	46	49	55	331
5136628	Noss Primary School	47	59	43	42	56	38	39	324
5135028	Thrumster Primary School	4	1	7	4	6	5	7	34
5101522	Watten Primary School	5	3	6	8	4	4	6	36

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S1-S6
Wick High School	149	148	126	125	96	68	712