

## HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Agenda Item	5.
Report No	SCC/19/21

**Committee:** Sutherland County Committee

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

**Report Title:** Golspie Associated School Group Overview

**Report By:** ECO Education and Learning

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Golspie 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 315 pupils, with the secondary school serving 246 young people.
- 1.3 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 Golspie High webpage](#)

Primary

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

School	Link to School Webpage
Brora Primary School	<a href="#">Brora Primary webpage</a>
Golspie Primary School	<a href="#">Golspie Primary webpage</a>
Helmsdale Primary School	<a href="#">Helmsdale Primary webpage</a>
Lairg Primary School	<a href="#">Lairg Primary webpage</a>
Rogart Primary School	<a href="#">Rogart Primary webpage</a>
Rosehall Primary School	<a href="#">Rosehall Primary webpage</a>

© Denotes school part of a “cluster” management arrangement

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Golspie High School	Nov-20	<a href="#">Golspie High Inspection</a>
Brora Primary School	Apr-10	<a href="#">Brora Primary Inspection</a>
Golspie Primary School	June-17	<a href="#">Golspie Primary Inspection</a>
Helmsdale Primary School	June 2010 (follow up)	<a href="#">Helmsdale Primary Inspection</a>
Lairg Primary School	March-20	<a href="#">Lairg Primary Inspection</a>
Rogart Primary School	Aug-13	<a href="#">Rogart Primary Inspection</a>
Rosehall Primary School	Aug-18	<a href="#">Rosehall Primary Inspection</a>

### 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
Brora Primary Nursery	June 17	Very Good	Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Golspie Primary Nursery	Feb 18	Very Good	Very Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Golspie Playgroup	May 19	5 - Very Good (I)	4 - Good (I)	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
Helmsdale Primary Nursery	May 18	Very Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	Good
Lairg Primary Nursery	June 19	Very good	good	Not assessed	Not assessed
Rogart Primary Nursery	May 17	Good	Not Assessed	Not Assessed	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
Golspie High School		Yes	2	2	4
Brora Primary School		Yes	1	1	1
Golspie Primary School		Yes	3	3	3
Helmsdale Primary School		No	1	1	0
Lairg Primary School		No	1	1	0

Rogart Primary School	No	0	0	1
Rosehall Primary School	No	0	0	0

ECO School information is reported as at November 2021. Placing requests are those received to start in a school during academic year 2021-22.

## Staffing

School	Teaching Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	Non-Teaching (Hrs)
Golspie High School	25.35	402.58
Brora Primary School	5.8	110
Golspie Primary School	5.5	165.75
Helmsdale Primary School	3.8	54.5
Lairg Primary School	4.5	76.5
Rogart Primary School	2.9	44
Rosehall Primary School	1.64	31
Nursery	Teacher (FTE)	Total Staff (FTE)
Brora Primary Nursery	0.1	1.94
Golspie Primary Nursery	0.05	3.77
Helmsdale Primary Nursery	0.1	1.8
Lairg Primary Nursery	0.1	1.94
Rogart Primary Nursery	0.05	1.85

*School staff information from Staff Census collected Sept 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, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (Item 9a). Report [ACS-33-12](#).

This session we are funding additional staffing for the ASG as follows:

- FTE ASN TEACHERS: 2.6 from Area budget  
1.0 from GHS DSM as required  
1.0 from GHS DSM in addition
- FTE PSA staff: 17.5 FTE (481.25 hours assuming FTE = 27.5)

The identified level of need at start of session was:

34	Pupils at level 3
19	Pupils at level 4

## Funding

Unit Desc	Unit Desc	Budget 1920	Cost Per Pupil
Brora N.S.	23,334	2,121	(1,157)
Brora P.S.	407,766	4,292	(12,636)
Golspie H.S.	1,728,006	6,830	3,610
Golspie N.S.	62,291	4,153	(1,896)
Golspie P.S.	343,335	3,576	(11,700)
Helmsdale N.S.	37,094	3,372	(1,508)
Helmsdale P.S.	257,591	4,519	(7,246)
Lairg N.S.	58,048	4,146	(2,045)
Lairg P.S.	237,223	4,744	(11,861)
Rogart Nursery	37,842	9,460	(884)
Rogart P.S.	154,410	9,651	(2,231)
Rosehall P.S.	109,533	9,128	(5,477)

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

## Buildings

School	Suitability	Condition	% Roll Capacity
Golspie High School	C	C	39%
Brora Primary School	B	C	45%
Golspie Primary School	C	C	64%
Helmsdale Primary School	B	C	61%
Lairg Primary School	B	C	65%
Rogart Primary School	B	B	28%
Rosehall Primary School	B	C	52%

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
Golspie High School	100.00%	94.44%	100.00%
Highland	95.52%	94.79%	92.55%
Scotland	94.40%	95.05%	93.36%

Number of pupils leaving in school year:

Total No. Leavers	Golspie High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2017/18	40	2441	49724
2018/19	54	2264	49717
2019/20	43	2059	47430

Destinations of Pupils (%)

DESTINATION	Golspie High			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20	17/18	18/19	19/20
Higher Education	35	29.37	46.51	34.11	32.74	23.83	41.1	40.35	44.20
Further Education	15	20.37	20.93	17.34	23.14	25.41	26.5	27.27	28.06
Training	0	3.70	2.33	0.98	4.81	3.20	2.1	3.47	3.68
Employment	45	40.74	30.23	40.30	33.88	23.83	22.7	22.92	16.18
Voluntary	0			0.70	0.71	0.50	0.7	0.58	0.45
Activity Agreements	5			2.26			1.2		
Unemployed Seeking	0	1.85		1.44	2.08	4.42	3.8	3.12	4.14
Unemployed Not Seeking	0	1.85		1.27	1.46	2.17	1.3	1.41	1.83
Unknown	0	1.85		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 Golspie High School.

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	
Brora Primary School	94.9%	3.7%	1.5%	9.8/1000	9.8/1000
Golspie Primary School	93.1%	4.2%	2.8%	20.83/1000	31.25/1000
Helmsdale Primary School	90.4%	8.2%	1.4%	0/1000	0/1000
Lairg Primary School	94.5%	5.0%	0.5%	0/1000	0/1000
Rogart Primary School	93.4%	4.8%	1.8%	0/1000	0/1000
Rosehall Primary School	95.5%	3.8%	0.6%	0/1000	0/1000

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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	
Golspie High School	87.3	10.4	2.6	27.67/1000	27.67/1000

## 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%
Brora Primary School	89		<5	10.8%	71.4%	65.7%
Golspie Primary School	92	<5	<5	13.0%	83.3%	81.3%
Helmsdale Primary School	54			26.5%	88.9%	78.3%
Lairg Primary School	50		<5	18.5%	40.0%	75.0%
Rogart Primary School	22	<5		Small Number		83.3%
Rosehall Primary School	8	<5		Small Number		

School	Pupil Roll	Looked After	EAL Pupils	Free Meals Eligibility	Free Meals Uptake
Highland Secondary (2017)				11.3%	77.4%
Scotland Secondary (2017)				14.7%	73.4%
Golspie High School	246	<5	6	14.1%	92.6%

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.

HLH Facilities and Services within the Golspie Associated School Group Area	User Information	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Sutherland Swimming Pool Complex	Customer Visits	30,711	28,783	5,227
Lairg Library	Customer Visits	5,122	7,093	202
Golspie Library	Customer Visits	8,255	14,264	277
Helmsdale Library	Customer Visits	9,477	9,605	204
Brora Library	Customer Visits	7,347	13,138	149
Brora Mobile Library	Customer Visits	7,133	6,840	0
Brora Learning Centre	Customer Visits	3,341	2,951	0
Brora Heritage Centre*	Customer Visits	3,903	2,959	0

Playing fields: Couper park, Golspie, Pittenrail, Ferrycroft	Available for let by sports clubs	-	-	-
Youth Worker	Attendances	1,413	1,265	581
Adult Learning	Attendances	2,613	2,272	73

## High Life Highland

### Programme information

Sutherland Swimming Pool Complex: <http://highlifehighland.com/leisure-facilities/golspie>

Lairg Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/lairglib.htm>

Adult Learning/Brora Learning Centre:

<http://www.brora.co.uk/Learning%20Centre.html>

Golspie Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/golspielib.htm>

Helmsdale Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/helmsdalelib.htm>

Brora Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/yourlocallibrary/broralib.htm>

Mobile Library:

<http://www.highland.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/libraries/mobilelibraryservice/broramobile.htm>

\* Operated by the Brora Heritage Society

### 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

<b>PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>	<b>P7</b>	<b>Total</b>
Brora Primary	13	10	14	8	14	15	15	89
Golspie Primary	8	14	17	14	17	13	9	92
Helmsdale Primary	12	3	11	8	6	5	9	54
Lairg Primary	6	8	6	9	9	5	7	50
Rogart Primary		4	2	4	1	2	9	22
Rosehall Primary		1	1	2	1	2	1	8
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>315</b>

<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>S1</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>S3</b>	<b>S4</b>	<b>S5</b>	<b>S6</b>	<b>S1-S6</b>
Golspie High School	52	46	46	39	42	21	246