

Agenda Item	7iii
Report No	SCC/15/26

# The Highland Council

**Committee:** Sutherland Committee

**Date:** 1 June 2026

**Report Title:** Farr High Associated School Group Overview

**Report By:** Assistant Chief Executive – People Cluster

## 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key information in relation to the schools within the Ardnamurchan High 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 89 pupils, ELC settings serve 17 children (17 in LA settings as at September Census), with the secondary school serving 72 young people.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
  - i. Scrutinise and note the content of the report

## 3. Implications

- 3.1 Resource  
There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 Legal  
There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.3 Risk  
The Service is committed to a sustained focus on progress and improvement to mitigate against the risk of under-performance which impacts on children and young people being able to achieve their full potential.
- 3.4 Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)  
There are no implications arising from this report.
- 3.5 Gaelic  
Continued improvements in primary phase Gaelic Medium Education attainment will support progress in secondary.

#### 4. Impacts

4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children’s Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.

4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.

4.3 This is an update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

#### 5. School Website Links

5.1 Secondary – [Link to Farr High School Website](#)  
 Primary – [Link to School information on Highland Council website](#)

School	Link to School Webpage
Farr Primary	<a href="#">Farr Primary website</a>
Melvich Primary	<a href="#">Melvich Primary website</a>
Tongue Primary	<a href="#">Tongue Primary website</a>

5.2 Standards and Quality Reports – latest reports:

School	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Farr High School	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Farr Primary	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Satisfactory
Melvich Primary	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Tongue Primary	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good

ELC	Leadership of change	Learning, teaching and assessment	Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	Raising attainment and achievement
Farr PS Nursery	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
Melvich PS Nursery	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Good
Tongue PS Nursery	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good

## 6. Education Scotland Inspection Reports

6.1

School	Date of Latest Published Report	Link to Education Scotland Pages
Farr High School	11/06/2024	<a href="#">Link</a>
Farr Primary (Suth)	21/01/2025	<a href="#">Link</a>
Melvich Primary	*+ 5 Years	<a href="#">Link</a>
Tongue Primary	06/06/2023	<a href="#">Link</a>

\*Education Scotland website shows review and inspection reports in last 5 years, older reports are no longer available to view on the site.

## 7. School Rolls

7.1 ASG School Rolls – Session 2025-26

Primary School	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Total
Farr Primary (Suth)	4	3	5	2	4	7	5	30
Melvich Primary	1	3	2	6	6	6	9	33
Tongue Primary	2	6	4		6	5	3	26
Total	7	12	11	8	16	18	17	89

School Name	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	TOTAL S1-S6
Farr High School	16	15	13	16	6	6	72

7.2 **School Roll and Capacity Forecasts**

The school roll and capacity forecast for the ASG can be found here:

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/schools/school-roll-forecasts>

## 8. Attendance / Absence / Exclusions – Session 2024/25

8.1

Primary Schools	% Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	(2024/25) No of Exclusions	(2024/25) Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Primary (2024-25)	93.10%	4.30%	2.60%	2004	5.3
Highland Primary (2024-25)	92.70%	5.10%	2.2%	61	C
Farr Primary (Suth)	93.52%	5.40%	1.07%	-	-
Melvich Primary	93.93%	4.38%	1.69%	-	-
Tongue Primary	92.22%	6.65%	1.13%	-	-

Secondary School	% Actual Attendance	% Authorised Absences	% Unauthorised Absences	(2024/25) No of Exclusions	(2024/25) Exclusion Rates per 1000 pupils
National Secondary (2024-25)	88.40%	6.60%	5.00%	8472	26.9
Highland Secondary (2024-25)	86.80%	7.50%	5.70%	454	32.7
Farr High School	90.02%	6.28%	C	C	C

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## 9. Attainment Profile

### 9.1 Primary Attainment – Pupils Achieving Expected National Curriculum for Excellence Levels – P1, 4, 7 Combined, Literacy and Numeracy

2024/25	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
<b>National</b>		81%	77%	88%	80%
<b>Highland</b>		77%	72%	87%	75%
Farr Primary (Suth)	11	c	c	c	c
Melvich Primary	11	c	c	c	c
Tongue Primary	18	c	c	c	c

2023/24	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
<b>National</b>		81%	76%	87%	80%
<b>Highland</b>		76%	71%	87%	74%
Farr Primary (Suth)	15	c	c	c	c
Melvich Primary	15	c	c	c	c
Tongue Primary	12	c	c	c	c

2022/23	Roll P1/4/7	Reading	Writing	Listening & Talking	Numeracy
<b>National</b>		80%	75%	87%	80%
<b>Highland</b>		74%	68%	74%	72%
Farr Primary (Suth)	10	c	c	c	c
Melvich Primary	16	c	c	c	c
Tongue Primary	6	c	c	c	c

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## 9.2 Secondary Attainment – Literacy

School Leavers Achieving Literacy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Literacy	% Level 5 Literacy
Farr High School	2024/25	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2024/25	C	C
Farr High School	2023/24	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	C
Farr High School	2022/23	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	C

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### 9.2.1 Secondary Attainment – Numeracy

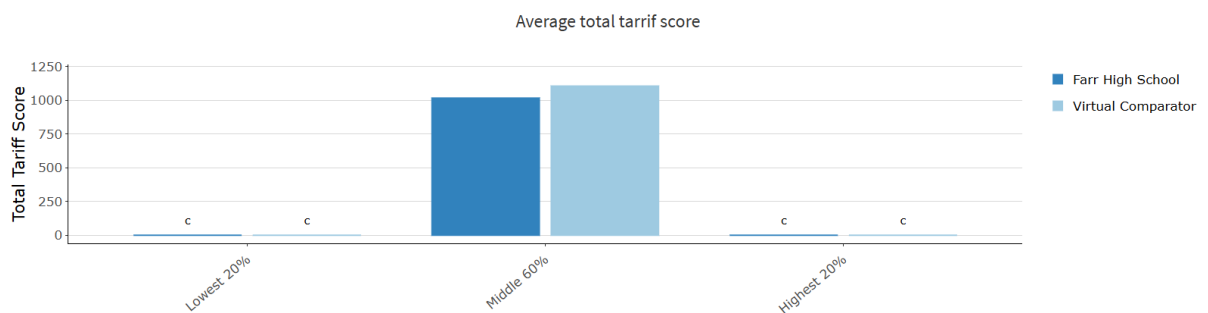
School Leavers Achieving Numeracy			
Establishment	Year	% Level 4 Numeracy	% Level 5 Numeracy
Farr High School	2024/25	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2024/25	C	C
Farr High School	2023/24	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	C
Farr High School	2022/23	C	C
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	C

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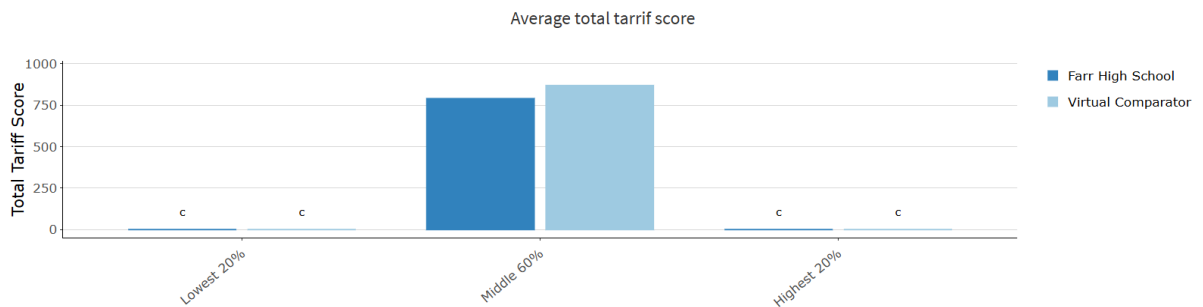
### 9.2.2 Senior Phase

Average Total Tariff for Leavers				
Establishment	Year	Lowest 20%	Middle 60%	Highest 20%
Farr High School	2024/25	C	1017	C
Virtual Comparator	2024/25	C	1106	C
Farr High School	2023/24	C	790	C
Virtual Comparator	2023/24	C	869	C
Farr High School	2022/23	C	848	C
Virtual Comparator	2022/23	C	786	C

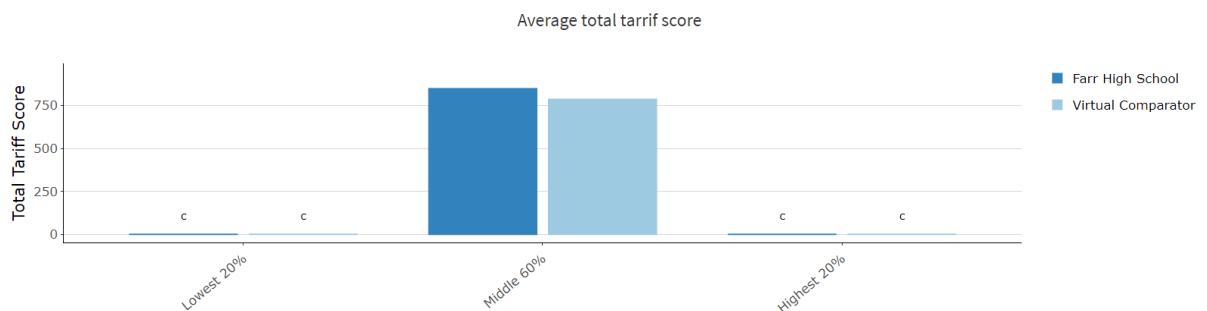
## 9.3 2023/24



## 9.4 2022/23



## 9.5 2021/22



## 9.6 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.

	% Positive Destinations		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Farr High School	100	100	92.86
Highland	95.27	96.5	93.5
Scotland	95.87	95.71	95.67

### 9.6.1 Number of pupils leaving in school year:

	Farr High School	HIGHLAND	SCOTLAND
2022/23	18	2474	54719
2023/24	17	2629	55961
2024/25	14	2586	55779

## 9.6.2 Destination of pupils (%):

DESTINATION	Farr High School			HIGHLAND			SCOTLAND		
	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25	22/23	23/24	24/25
Higher Education	50	41.18	35.71	33.1	32.07	32.64	40.3	40.8	42.31
Further Education	16.67	23.53	21.43	20.53	20.39	16.82	26.62	26.43	26
Training	0	0	7.14	1.9	3.04	2.9	3.35	3.89	3.99
Employment	27.78	35.29	28.57	39.05	40.4	40.37	24.34	23.08	21.6
Voluntary	5.56	0	0	0.53	0.42	0.46	0.52	0.58	0.68
Activity Agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unemployed Seeking	0	0	0	2.95	2.05	3.63	2.24	2.16	2.39
Unemployed Not Seeking	0	0	7.14	1.62	1.45	1.86	1.57	1.86	1.56
Unknown	0	0	0	0.16	0	1.01	0.32	0.27	0.38

**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.

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Background Notes:

- (For all figures marked with "C")  
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- All data used within this report comes from the most recently published source.

Appendices: n/a