

I'm concerned at the number of school closures and the impact on communities. No school means it is less likely that parents with young children will move into the community as we are seeing in Laggan.

A family from Laggan moved to the south of France quite near Carcassonne.

There, in an area like Badenoch and Strathspey, they have taken a creative approach. They have avoided closing all the schools and clustering them in one location bursting at the seams. Instead community schools host 1 or 2 years. Children are bused to and from school. There is more space and the communities are kept alive.

When we moved here in 2000, my son and grandchildren moved up a few years later and Gergask had 24 pupils. It is sad to see the decline in numbers.

Surely we could look for more creative approaches here

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