

Children who will be five on or before 28 February 2022 are eligible to be enrolled for Primary 1 starting August 2021. Enrolment will take place in the week commencing 25 January 2021.

Which children are automatically admitted to primary school?

Only children whose fifth birthday falls between 1 March 2021 and the last day of February 2022 will automatically be admitted to Primary 1 in August 2021.

What is deferred entry?

If your child's birthday falls between 17 August 2021 and the end of February 2022 (e.g. still 4 years old on the school start date in August 2021) you are entitled to defer entry to primary school. If you believe your child is not ready for school, you should discuss this with your child's Early Learning and Childcare setting. Further information is available in the 'Guidance on being educated out-with the peer group including deferred and early entry to school' available online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/enrol>

When do I enrol my child for school?

If your child is due to start school in August 2021, they should be enrolled at their catchment area primary school. We recommend that you complete the online form at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/enrol>

Local newspaper advertisements issued in January each year provide full details on how to enrol your child.

Which is my local school?

Each school has a defined geographical catchment area (with the exception of denominational and some Gaelic Medium schools) and normally your child will attend your local catchment area primary school. School catchment maps are available online, you can search for your nearest schools at https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/download/678/school_catchment_maps

Can I request a school other than my local school?

You may make a placing request for your child to attend a school other than your local school. Information on placing requests can be found on the website. It is important, however, that your child is registered at their local catchment area school in advance of making a placing request application.

Please note too that if a placing request is granted, transport is the responsibility of parents.



What are the arrangements for starting school?

Primary 1 pupils should attend the full infant day from day 1 of the school session in August 2021.

Head Teachers will ensure that local arrangements are communicated to parents at the earliest opportunity.

How can I get Additional Support for my child?

Parents who feel that their child may require additional support for learning are advised to contact staff at their child's school in the first instance. Further information can be obtained from the Highland Council's Additional Support Needs webpage: http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/886/schools_-_additional_support_needs/ or from the voluntary organisation CHIP+ (Tel: 01463 711189) or website www.chipplus.org.uk

Is School Transport available?

A full statement of the school transport policy is available at http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/12/school_transport or can be supplied by the Transport Co-ordination Unit on request.

If your child will be eligible for free school transport, then a transport request form must be submitted no later than the 28 February 2021.

What School Meals are provided?

The Catering Service offers nutritionally balanced, well presented food in an environment that is safe, well ordered and sensitive to the needs of pupils in order that they may enjoy the lunchtime social experience. All food and drinks served meet the requirements of The Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Act 2007. The Catering Service works closely with schools to help emphasise the importance of healthy lifestyles and diet. Detailed information on the school meals service and nutritional policy can be found on the following web pages: www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/

Does your child have Special Dietary Needs? Special diet request forms are available at your school or by visiting www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolmeals/

Free School Meals and Assistance with School Clothing.

Please make sure your family is not losing out. Application Forms for Free School Meals and Assistance with School Clothing can be obtained from any school or Highland Council Service Point or downloaded from https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools_-_grants_and_benefits/10/free_school_meals_and_assistance_with_clothing

Applications for the next session (2021/22) open in June 2021.

Please Note:

All Primary 1 to 3 pupils are entitled to free school meals and no application form is required, however an application will still be required if you wish to apply for a school clothing grant.

What is the Parent Council?

All parents are automatically members of their school's Parent Forum – the whole parent body. The Parent Forum can then decide on a smaller group of parents to represent them to the school and to the Care and Learning Service. The Parent Council is also likely to be involved in many other activities such as social events, fund-raising, etc.

You can find out more information about your Parent Council from the Head Teacher. The school will also give you information about the responsibilities and activities of the Parent Council. In addition, further information about Parent Councils across the Highlands can be found at <http://www.highlandpcp.org.uk/>

Review of Information Contained in this Document

This document contains the 'basic information' as required by the Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2012. We have made every effort to ensure information is accurate but changes may occur at any time which would affect the accuracy of the detail. The information is reviewed annually and this document refers to the school year 2021/2022.

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Bilingualism and Gaelic Medium Education

Dà-chànanas agus Foghlam tron Ghàidhlig

Gaelic Medium Education is acknowledged through practice and research as a way of ensuring that children learn to speak Gaelic and reap the benefits of being bilingual from an early age. It is available to children from both Gaelic and non-Gaelic speaking homes. Enrolment to Gaelic Medium Education can take place at Primary 1 stage and in some circumstances at Primary 2, or thereafter, between Gaelic medium primary schools/departments. The Highland Council is a leading Local Authority and amongst the largest providers of Gaelic Medium Education nationally. Gaelic Medium Education represents one of the best means of reversing the decline of Gaelic in the Highlands, especially if it is supported by opportunities for young people to use Gaelic in the home and community. The Council is committed to continuing to develop Gaelic Medium Education in pre-school and primary schools, as well as expanding Gaelic Medium Education in the secondary sector. The benefits of Gaelic Medium Education and bilingualism are highlighted in the video, 'Fàs Foghlaim', <https://www.highland.gov.uk/gaelic>

Gaelic Medium Education is provided in 20 primary schools across the Council area (detailed below). We also continue to develop Gaelic Learning through English Medium Education, through the provision of a Primary Language Learning programme. Gaelic Medium subject teaching and Gaelic language courses, for both fluent speakers and/or learners are offered in a total of 20 secondary schools. The Gaelic Medium Education map on our website (http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/18/gaelic_medium_education) provides information regarding all provision across the Highlands. In addition, we also provide support for parents and other learners in communities through a coordinated system of adult tuition, including a progressive tuition plan.

If you would like further information on Gaelic, contact your Area Education and Learning Office or email: gaelic@highland.gov.uk

Acharacle Primary School
Broadford Primary School
Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis
Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Loch Abar
Bun-Sgoil Shlèite
Bun-Sgoil Ghàidhlig Phort Rìgh
Craighill Primary School

Dingwall Primary School
Dunvegan Primary School
Gairloch Primary School
Glenurquhart Primary School
Kilmuir Primary School
Lochcarron Primary School
Mallaig Primary School

Millbank Primary School
Mount Pleasant Primary School
Newtonmore Primary School
Plockton Primary School
Staffin Primary School
Ullapool Primary School

