

**Education Services**

***Seirbheis an Fhoghlaim***

 **Establishment of a catchment area for secondary Gaelic provision in Inverclyde Academy in Inverclyde**

***A’ stèidheachadh sgìre-sgoile airson foghlam àrd-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aig Acadamaidh Inbhir Chluaidh ann an Inbhir Chluaidh.***

**Consultation Proposal Document**

***Sgrìobhainn co-chomhairleachaidh***

We are looking for your views on our proposal to establish a catchment area for secondary Gaelic provision in Inverclyde. Currently primary Gaelic medium is offered at Whinhill Primary School, with a clearly defined catchment area. However as of yet there is no secondary GME provision with an established catchment area for Gaelic and pupils attend by means of a placing request.

The proposal is to establish a delineated catchment area that covers the whole of the Inverclyde Council area for Gaelic secondary provision in Inverclyde Academy due to open in August 2024. This means that every pupil who chooses Gaelic medium education for secondary school who lives within the Inverclyde boundary but further than two miles from Inverclyde Academy will be entitled to free transport. This proposal is only for secondary education. A catchment area and related transport policy already exists for primary GME provision at Whinhill Primary School but does not apply to early years education.

*Tha sinn a’ sireadh ur beachdan air sgìre-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson solar foghlaim àrd-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig ann an Inbhir Chluaidh. An-dràsta tha sinn a’ tabhann foghlam bun-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aig Bun-sgoil Chnoc a’ Chonaisg, far a bheil sinn air sgìre-sgoile a stèidheachadh mar tha. Chan eil sinn a’ tabhann foghlam àrd-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig fhathast, agus chan eil sinn air sgìre-sgoile a stèidheachadh airson seo nas motha. Bidh sgoilearan a’ frithealadh foghlam àrd-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig a-rèir iarrtasan sgoile.*

*Tha sinn a’ moladh sgìre-sgoile a ghabhas a-steach sgìre Inbhir Chluaidh air fad airson foghlam àrd-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aig Acadamaidh Inbhir Chluaidh, a thòisicheas san Lùnastal 2024. Tha seo a’ ciallachadh gum faigh a h-uile sgoilear a thaghas foghlam àrd-sgoile tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig, a tha a’ fuireach còir is dà mhìle air falbh bho Acadamaidh Inbhir Chluaidh, còmhdail saor an-asgaidh. ’S ann airson foghlam àrd-sgoile a tha seo a-mhàin. Tha sgìre-sgoile agus poileasaidh còmhdail stèidhichte mar tha airson foghlam bun-sgoile tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig aig Bun-sgoil Chnoc a’ Chonaisg, chan eil seo a’ buntainn idir dha foghlam aig ìre nan tràth-bhliadhnaichean.*

**Closing date for responses on this consultation will be:**

**Friday 10 November 2023, 5pm**

**There will be two public meetings held on:**

* **Wednesday 25 October 2023 at Inverclyde Academy, 6.30pm**
* **Wednesday 1 November 2023 at Whinhill Primary School, 6.30pm**

If you wish to attend in person, please log your interest by calling 01475 712850 and press option 5. An operator will take your details and advise on the details of the event.

**CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM**

Please use this form to let us know what you think about this proposal

The closing date for responses is **Friday 10 November 2023.**

**This form should be returned to:**

Education Services

Wallace Place

Greenock

PA15 1JB

**Q1 Do you agree with the establishment of a catchment area for secondary Gaelic provision in Inverclyde?**

 **Yes** 🞏 **No** 🞏 **Undecided** 🞏

 **This box gives an opportunity to explain the reason for your response.**

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**Q2 Do you agree that the catchment area for Gaelic medium for Inverclyde Academy should be the whole of the local authority area?**

 **Yes** 🞏 **No** 🞏 **Undecided** 🞏

 **This box gives an opportunity to explain the reason for your response.**

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**Q3 Do you agree that free transport should be provided for those who live within Inverclyde but further than two miles by acceptable walking route from the school?**

 **Yes** 🞏 **No** 🞏 **Undecided** 🞏

 **This box gives an opportunity to explain the reason for your response.**

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**In order to validate your response to this proposal please provide your details:**

(this section must be completed in order for your views to be taken into account)

 **Name**

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 **Address**

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**Q6 I am responding in my capacity as a** (*please indicate by selecting the appropriate answer below)*

Parent/carer of a child at primary school 🞏

Parent/carer of a child at secondary school 🞏

Parent/carer of a child in nursery 🞏

Parent Council member (primary school) 🞏

Parent Council member (secondary school) 🞏

Member of staff at primary school 🞏

Member of staff at secondary school 🞏

Church representative 🞏

Elected Member 🞏

Trade Union 🞏

Member of the public 🞏

Member of Community Council 🞏

Bòrd na Gàidhlig 🞏

Other group (please specify)

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**Handling you response – Please note that:**

We will use the information you provide for the purpose of this consultation, including statistical and analytical purposes.

We will pass a full copy of your response to Education Scotland, or a summary of it if agreed with them.

We are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and therefore would have to consider any request made under the Act for information relating to written responses/records or oral representations made to us relating to this consultation.

**Thank you for taking the time to respond.**

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| **If you would like to make any comment on the proposal, or suggest an alternative option for consideration please do so in the space below:** |