

WOULD
YOU
LIKE
YOUR CHILD
TO BE BILINGUAL?




Gaelic
in Perthshire

Gàidhlig ann an Siorrachd Pheairt





Gaelic Medium Education in Perth and Kinross

Gaelic Medium Education is an option within Scottish schools that gives children and young people an opportunity to become proficient in Gaelic as well as English.

Gaelic Medium Education (GME) is a free bilingual education option available to all within Perth and Kinross at Goodlyburn Primary School in Perth and Breadalbane Academy in Aberfeldy. Although educated through Gaelic the children join the rest of the school for assemblies, school trips, extra-curricular activities and general school events.

By the end of Primary 7, children educated through the medium of Gaelic will have covered the whole curriculum and also be fluent in Gaelic. There is a phased approach to the language. Total immersion for the first three years then after this when reading and language skills are well established, English work is undertaken. By Primary 7 there is a balanced approach to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to reach equal competence in both languages.

Why Gaelic Medium Education?

- *Bilingualism is the norm in many countries and research shows that bilingual education can improve children's performance in school.*
- *Gaelic speakers make a valuable contribution to Scotland's education, economy and cultural heritage.*
- *Being bilingual makes it easier to learn a third language.*
- *You do not need to be a Gaelic speaker to send your child to Gaelic medium education.*
- *Gaelic medium education is a natural way to learn the language; a great opportunity.*



Give your child a great start by choosing Gaelic medium education.

GME is available in Perth and Kinross at the following schools:

Goodlyburn Primary School
Crieff Road, PERTH, PH1 2NT
Tel 01738 454230

Breadalbane Academy
Crieff Road, ABERFELDY, PH15 2DU
Tel 01887 822300

You are welcome to visit the schools.



What the Parents Think

"Our daughter is doing very well academically both in Gaelic and English. We are excited that she will now be able to progress in her Gaelic learning into secondary education and beyond if she would like to."

"Choosing GME for our daughter was the best decision we have made. She is flourishing in her learning but also in her wellbeing."

*"I was introduced to a wide variety of opportunities within Gaelic including television, radio and teaching. It has always been a very open and inclusive atmosphere and the benefits are endless to bilingual people these days. I was a very happy child in the class at school and would encourage anyone to follow suit, it also makes it very easy to learn other languages too."
(Former pupil)*

"It's amazing to hear him talking fluently in another language."

For Further Information

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Useful Websites

Gaelic for Parents
www.Gaelic4parents.com

Comman nam Pàrant
www.parant.org.uk

Bòrd na Gàidhlig
www.gaidhlig.org

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