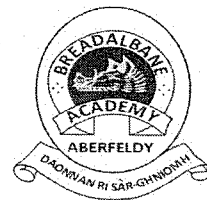


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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to update you on staffing for the Gaelic Medium Education class.

As you will be aware, Mrs MacDonald has been absent for a number of weeks now, and we do not yet have a confirmed return date. During the period of this absence we have tried hard to maintain a positive learning experience for our GME pupils. As well as the very valuable continuity offered by Ms MacSween and Mrs Moore, we have also increased the input from our Gaelic secondary teacher, Ms McLeod, who already supported the GME class for several hours in a week. You may also be aware that the Ms McPhee, the Highland Perthshire Gaelic teacher, has also been teaching the class on Wednesdays and, when possible, Ms Cochrane, a trainee Gaelic teacher, has been teaching them on Fridays. Mrs Jenkins acting-Depute has co-ordinated these many inputs.

However, despite being able to provide Gaelic teachers for much of the time, there have still on occasions where GME pupils have been taught by an non-Gaelic speaking teacher or placed within other classes and taught in an English language environment which is not ideal, and we are currently in discussion with the local authority about any further supports that may be available for this class for the duration of Mrs MacDonald's absence. I will of course update you should there be any further developments.

In the meantime if you have any queries, please contact Mrs Jenkins or me.

Yours sincerely

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