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Dear Parent/Carer

Gaelic Medium Education Staffing

As you may be aware, Mrs Cochrane has been absent and it is expected that this will continue for at least the next couple of weeks. During this absence P4-7 pupils have had the continuity of being taught by either Mrs Munro or Mrs Struthers and we hope this will continue until Mrs Cochrane returns.

Recently Mrs Munro, Mrs MacDonald and secondary staff met with me to plan how to best to support pupil's learning in Gaelic while being predominantly taught by non-Gaelic speakers. During Mrs Cochrane's absence secondary Gaelic teacher Miss McLeod will teach P4-7 pupils for part of Tuesday afternoons and all of Thursday afternoons. There are also planned times for both GME classes to work together or for Mrs MacDonald to teach P4-7 while Mrs Munro teaches P1-3 pupils where suitable to do so. Regardless of who is teaching P4-7, staff continue to follow Mrs Cochrane's plans. The termly overview shows the learning that has been and continues to take place within the class.

Mrs MacDonald will be temporarily reducing her hours. From this week until the end of term Mrs Munro will be teaching GME P1-3 on Thursday afternoons with Mrs MacDonald teaching the remainder of the week. Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Munro will plan carefully to ensure continuity and progression for pupils.

There continues to be some Gaelic pupil support assistant time allocated between the Gaelic classes Mondays to Thursdays. However, the balance of the support provided by Mrs MacSween and Mrs Moore between the two classes may change slightly to support pupils during Mrs Cochrane's absence and Mrs MacDonald's reduction in hours.

Should you have any queries, please contact me to discuss them further.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Marshall'.

Mrs Marshall
Primary Depute Headteacher

