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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on Gaelic Medium Education

As there are a few changes underway in relation to Gaelic Medium Education in the school, I am writing to provide you with a general update.

Nursery

I am pleased to say that we have now just about completed the recruitment process for our Gaelic Medium Early Childhood Practitioner. This should allow us once again to start moving forward with our plans for the Gaelic Nursery. We will continue to discuss with the Early Years team in the Council when we might aim to start the nursery though obviously this will depend on how the national policy on school closure evolves over the coming weeks. I am also pleased to say that we hope shortly to commence the physical changes to accommodation agreed in discussion with the Care Inspectorate to ensure that our premises are fit for purpose.

Primary

Mrs Marshall has already shared with you the news that Mrs MacDonald has decided to retire. She will be a great loss to the primary and I am sure that parents would agree that she has played a tremendous role in developing and growing our primary GME provision. We wish her a fabulous retirement but are of course very sad to see her going - and we know she will be a very hard act indeed to follow.

On this subject, the recruitment process for this post is now well underway and the advertisement has recently gone live. We have been working with the Gaelic co-ordinator in Perth and Kinross Council and the central recruitment team to ensure that this advertisement is shared as widely as possible.

Secondary

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances Mrs Charnley is still unable to deliver live lessons to our secondary GME class, though she continues to support pupils online. I hope parents and pupils will bear with us until we can get live lessons up and running. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the secondary Gaelic provision please do not hesitate to contact Mr Reaper, Head of Languages and RME.

I am also conscious that due to lockdown, we did not have a meeting with GME parents last session as we had done over the last few years. I would hope to convene such a meeting in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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