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Dear Parent/Carer

### **GME Staffing Update**

I am writing to further update you on primary Gaelic staffing. The maternity leave post has been extended to close on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Until we manage to recruit for the teacher vacancy we have interim arrangements in place.

To enable the P1-3 pupils to experience Gaelic immersion, Mr Poole will be teaching the younger pupils. Mrs Jenkins will be teaching the P4-7 class on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays. Although Mrs Jenkins is not a GME teacher, the pupils will continue to do some Gaelic work set by Mr Poole and supported by other Gaelic speaking staff. The two classes continue to work together throughout the week, for example, on Monday afternoons both Mr Poole and Mrs Jenkins work with all the Gaelic pupils. On Wednesdays Mr Poole will teach P1-7 pupils supported by a Gaelic Pupil Support Assistant.

All teachers are entitled to Reduced Class Contact Time for tasks such as planning and assessing. Due to the additional planning involved to ensure cohesive continuity and progression for pupils within this arrangement, both Mrs Jenkins and Mr Poole are currently getting more RCCT than the standard entitlement. This is generally delivered by Mrs McLaren and Mrs Seward.

If you have any queries about these arrangements please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs Marshall**  
**DHT Primary**

