

Gaelic Medium Education: Frequently Asked Questions

Some frequently asked questions about Gaelic Medium Education.

I don't speak Gaelic. Is that a problem?

No.

Most parents/carers of pupils in Gaelic medium education in Scotland don't have Gaelic in the home. A new website dedicated to assisting with Gaelic at home, [Gaelic4Parents \(Opens in a new window\)](#) is now available and includes online teacher-led homework support 4 times a week. Perth & Kinross Council Gaelic Development are investigating the possibility of setting up an after-school homework club.

Will they be separated from the rest of the school?

Absolutely not.

Pupils in Gaelic Medium Education do have their own classroom with dedicated qualified Gaelic teacher but they mix with other children during play-times, lunch-time, whole-school activities and after-school clubs. All schools promote an ethos of inclusion and this includes Gaelic Medium provision.

Can I speak to other parents with children in Gaelic Medium Education?

Yes.

Many parents/carers are happy to talk to you about this choice of education. You should contact the Gaelic Development Office who can arrange a meeting.

My child already receives Gaelic through GLPS, so what's the difference?

GLPS, or Gaelic Language in the Primary Schools, offers a weekly taster of Gaelic for some or all of the child's education. Gaelic Medium Education delivers the majority of the curriculum through the language and introduces English from P3 onwards, so the pupil will become bilingual by the end of their Primary education.

How do I choose Gaelic Medium Education?

If you live within the catchment area of any of the schools listed above:

You can enrol your child into Gaelic Medium Education at Primary 1. You should mark the top of your enrolment form with "Gaelic".

If you live out with the catchment area of any of the schools listed above:

You must contact the relevant school and make a placement request, marking the form "Gaelic". As with all placing requests, you will be responsible for getting your child to and from school.

For more information about enrolling in Gaelic Medium Education, contact the Gaelic Development Officer.

To keep up to date with Gaelic information and events in this area, email: Gaelic@pkc.gov.uk