

An introduction to Gaelic Medium Education for Prospective Parents

Gaelic Medium Education (GME) is available to all pupils in Perth and Kinross, at Breadalbane Academy Campus in Aberfeldy and Goodlyburn Primary School in Perth. Pupils do not need to live within the catchment area for the school to attend GME, however transport must be provided by families. For families living outwith Perth and Aberfeldy, some funding is available to assist with transport costs.

Pupils and parents do not need to be able to speak Gaelic in order to attend GME. Most of the families of pupils in GME have no Gaelic speaking at home, however, there is support available to assist parents in supporting their children through their GME journey. There is increasing research on the cognitive, social and cultural benefits of bilingualism.

Pupils are immersed in Gaelic for P1 through P3, then English is introduced in P4 so that by the end of P7 pupils are fluent in English and Gaelic. GME nursery places are also available at Breadalbane Academy.

Please contact the individual school for more information on GME. Parents of current GME pupils are also happy to offer further information to prospective parents. Again, please contact the relevant school if this is something which would be of interest to you.