





## Resources to Support Transition

Starting school and ELC is an exciting time for children and for their families. It can feel like a big moment and everyone wants it to go well.

### ELC into P1

This year it might feel like a bigger step than usual. With time in ELC having been disrupted, not to mention all the other things families have had to think about in the last few months, there may be worries that children will have missed important learning and won't be ready.

A video has been created for families to explain what to expect in Primary 1. You can access the video [here](#) and share the link as part of your transition process. Other resources for staff to support transition from ELC to P1 can be found on the Highland Council Sharepoint Site – [Primary Transitions Support Pack](#)

### Home to ELC

You can find a bitesize session to support Transition from home to ELC on the [Highland Digital Hub](#). This might provide solutions to the constraints of transition during Covid-19. If you have examples of good transition practice please let us know about these using the [‘Share’](#) option on the ELC Blog.

## Food for Thought Education Fund

The fund is open to ELC and School settings to develop Food Health and Education. Funding of up to £3,000 can be accessed and applications close on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. For more details click [here](#).



## End of an era at Cròileagan Inbhir Pheofharain

At the end of this term, Cròileagan Inbhir Pheofharain will see two longstanding members of staff head off into retirement. Manager Annie Macdonald has been at the helm of the Gaelic medium partner setting in Dingwall for 33 years, joined shortly after by Margaret Mackenzie as Senior EYP.

It all started with six children in Dingwall Community Centre. Cròileagan was started by Margaret's brothers as a means of providing Gaelic nursery education for their own children and funding was provided by Comhairle nan Sgoiltean Àraich. As numbers started to increase, they moved into their own space at An Taigh Gàidhlig. Initially Cròileagan only catered for 3-year-olds with 4-year-olds attending the school nursery. Over the years, the setting has grown and now provides funded early learning and childcare to 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds in Dingwall and the surrounding areas through a total immersion experience. The Cròileagan is often a child and their family's first experience of Gaelic and the number of children who have then gone on to enter Gaelic medium education in primary school is now in the hundreds.

A new manager will take up post later this term and will be supported by the team of Gaelic speaking EYPs, two of whom attended the Cròileagan themselves as children.

Annie and Margaret will be greatly missed by staff, children, families and the community alike and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to Gaelic medium education over the last three decades and wish them a very happy retirement.

*Soraidh slàn agus gach  
beannachd leibh.*