

## **Submission from J A MacKay, CEO, Bòrd na Gàidhlig**

Bòrd na Gàidhlig was established under the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 to, inter alia, promote the use and understanding of the Gaelic language and Gaelic education and Gaelic culture. The Bòrd also has an advisory remit to Scottish Ministers and public bodies and other persons exercising functions of a public nature on matters relating to the Gaelic language, Gaelic education and Gaelic culture.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig welcomes Scottish Government proposals for children in Primary Schools to learn 1+2 Languages.

Scottish Gaelic is already used as a medium of instruction for @2500 children in sixty schools in Scotland in other schools. This includes two dedicated Gaelic-medium Education (GME) schools, Glasgow and Inverness, which will be supplemented by further dedicated GME schools in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Fort William and Portree in the next few years. Gaelic is also taught as a subject in Primary schools to @6500 children through the Gaelic Language in Primary School (GLPS) programme. GLPS does not extend to every school in Scotland, but it could be expanded as an integral part of the 1+2 proposition as the foundation is already there.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig would be very willing to provide more information and to be involved in further discussion to assist the enquiry.

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