

## **GAELIC MEDIUM PRIMARY EDUCATION (GMPE)**

GMPE is an option within Scottish schools that gives children and young people the opportunity to become proficient in both Gaelic and English.

GMPE offers your child the opportunity to achieve fluency in another language at an early age.

Classes start at Primary 1 where children are fully immersed in the Gaelic language. The curriculum in the GMPE classroom is identical to that of the all-English speaking classroom.

English is introduced from Primary 4 onwards so that pupils are bilingual by the time they reach Primary 7.

The benefits of bilingualism are well documented. Research by neurologists, psychologists and linguists reveals a wide range of potential benefits for bilingual children:

- Improved cognitive skills which impact on the brain's executive control system ( the 'command centre' which takes care of higher order thinking, multitasking and sustained attention)
- Improved performance on spatial working memory tasks
- Enhanced verbal memory and verbal learning

From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, parents of a child who is under school age and has not commenced attendance at a primary school have the right to request an assessment of the need for Gaelic Medium Primary Education in Dundee.

To read Bòrd na Gàidhlig's full Statutory Guidance on Gaelic Education, please click [here](#)

To submit a request to assess the need for GMPE in Dundee, please complete [this assessment form](#) and send to [bilingualservice@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto:bilingualservice@dundeecity.gov.uk)

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