

GAELIC-MEDIUM EDUCATION

in South Lanarkshire

Did you know you can enrol your child in Gaelic-medium Education in South Lanarkshire?

Gaelic-medium Education is OPEN to all families. It is not only for those who are Gaelic-speaking.



WHAT?

The exact same curriculum, but through the medium of Gaelic immersion!

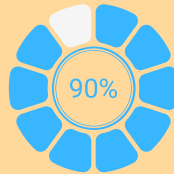
3-5 years old - Gaelic-medium Immersion Nursery
- 1,140 hours per year

Primary 1-7 - Gaelic-medium Immersion at Mount Cameron Primary School

Secondary 1-6 - Continue your Gaelic learning at Calderglen High School

WHO?

Anybody with a passion for language and Bilingualism!



90% of our families are not fluent Gaelic speakers, but have chosen for their child to learn Gaelic for the **FREE** educational benefits on offer to them.

WHERE?

South Lanarkshire provide Gaelic-medium education for all children aged 3-18.

Our Gaelic nursery and primary classes are based in Mount Cameron Primary School, which feed directly into Calderglen High School.



THE PROCESS

HOW?

WHEN?

1. Enquire/contact us at Mount Cameron Primary School and arrange a visit anytime
2. Enrol as a Gaelic-medium pupil through South Lanarkshire Council
Get in touch with us directly if you have any questions!
3. Attend our P1 transition programme in May/June to get to know your teacher and future classmates, as well as get a flavour of what is in store
4. Spend your Summer preparing for school and getting excited! Access some Gaelic language online to practise.
5. Start learning, through the medium of Scottish Gaelic and become a bilingual speaker!



WHY?

Family Testimonies

"Best decision I've ever made!"

"I honestly don't have a bad word to say about their Gaelic experience"

"Tremendous sense of community"

"As soon as we walked through the door we were welcomed and no judgements were made in relation to the little Gaelic we knew."

"The Gaelic learning classes for parents after school have been immensely beneficial to me which directly helps me help my children as we are all learning together."

"I find the teachers themselves an excellent support not only for the children but for the parents too."

"With no Gaelic whatsoever, we felt anxious about their learning only Gaelic and how they'd cope. However, this was completely resolved by how quickly they settled in to Gaelic medium education and by the ongoing excellent reports we have received from their teachers."

"I would 100% recommend Gaelic medium education... I am truly amazed by how much Gaelic they know, understand and can speak."

"An excellent opportunity in a somewhat unique environment."

"The relationships between their children, their teachers and fellow pupils is that of a community and it is a privilege to be a part of."

"The external links sent by the teachers are an excellent source of support and easy to access."

"Seeing them thrive and listening to how far they've come along gives me a great sense of pride."

"I am amazed at how well my children have grasped reading English books at home with barely any help from me and before being taught it in school! This has shown me just how beneficial their bilingual journey is progressing."

"It's amazing how quickly they have adapted to a Gaelic speaking environment and are able to switch between languages."

"No regrets whatsoever."

What does the research say?

- Bilingual children have better cognitive and language skills than those who have only one language.
- Two languages, two perspectives, two cultures. Double the opportunity.
- Better understanding of Scotland's history, languages, heritage and culture.
- Easier to learn other languages
- Enhanced reading skills
- Better at multi-tasking
- Improved job prospects



So when it comes to the question, why would you choose Gaelic education or learn Gaelic? The better question to ask is, why not?

With Gaelic and bilingualism come cognitive and cultural benefits, and a greater understanding of other languages, and many, many opportunities.



So, what now?

Please get in touch with us directly at Mount Cameron Primary School to enquire about arranging a visit to see our wonderful Gaelic-medium unit and meet with our staff.

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We can also put you in touch with other families who are more than willing to speak you through any concerns you have from a support point of view.

Further Reading & Support:

- Education Scotland: Gaelic-medium Education
- Education Scotland: Advice on Gaelic-medium Education
- Gaelic Bookbug
- Gaelic BBC Cbeebies/CBBC on iPlayer
- BilingualismMatters.org
- Gàidhlig nan Òg
- GoGaelic!
- Gaelic4Parents

