

# Advice on Gaelic Education

## Introduction

1.1 This Advice provides important information on the national context, and describes best practice to support practitioners and local authorities in evaluating and planning for improvement in Gaelic Education.

1.2 This Advice is based on evidence from inspections, reviews and validated self-evaluation, covering all sectors of Gaelic Education; and other engagements with a wide range of stakeholders over the period 2012-14. Education Scotland will use the Advice in inspections; to support professional dialogue and learning when engaging with practitioners; and as an agenda for discussion with partners.

1.3 Education Scotland is committed to working in partnership with stakeholders to achieve high-quality provision for Gaelic Education. Key areas to focus on will be the need to ensure suitably qualified teachers, and resources to support learning and teaching. The Advice will continue to be updated and added to over time. Education Scotland will continue to add information about Gaelic to Parentzone so that parents are also aware of what they can expect from Gaelic Education.

1.4 Education Scotland's Gaelic Language Plan, *Creating an ambitious future for Gaelic Education*, defines Gaelic Education as having three inter-related components. These are:

- Gaelic Medium Education (GME);
- Gaelic Learner Education (GLE); and
- the promotion of Learning about Gaelic Language and Culture (LAGC) as part of Scotland's identity.

