

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
EDUCATION AND LEARNING SERVICE**

CLUSTER HEAD TEACHER – EIGG & MUCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

This information aims to supplement information that may not appear in other documents in the pack.

1. SCHOOL ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER

Eigg Primary School, Isle of Eigg PH424RL
Muck Primary School, Isle of Muck, PH412RP

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2. THE AREA

The islands of Eigg and Muck are part of the Small Isles (along with Canna and Rum), located south of the Isle of Skye, between the Scottish West Coast and the Western Isles. The islands are in an area of outstanding natural beauty and have a varied terrain and abundant wildlife. The Isle of Eigg has a population of approximately 115, and 40 on the Isle of Muck.



Transport to the islands is afforded by the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry which sails from Mallaig and the Sheerwater which sails from Arisaig Marine in the summer months. The Caledonian MacBrayne ferry runs four times a week for Eigg and Muck in the winter, six times a week in the summer for Eigg and five times a week for Muck. The Sheerwater passenger ferry from Arisaig runs most days between late April and September. Ferry/Sheerwater can be used to travel between Eigg and Muck

All islands within the Small Isles generate their own electricity from renewable sources. Internet access is through a fast and reliable broadband service provided by a community interest company based on the Small Isles. The GP practice is based on the Isle of Skye, and a GP and / or Community Nurse visits the island weekly or fortnightly for routine consultations.

For more information on the individual islands visit www.isleofmuck.com and <http://isleofeigg.org/>. Further information on the Small Isles can be found at <https://www.visitsmallisles.com/>

3. EIGG & MUCK PRIMARY SCHOOL CLUSTER

Eigg and Muck Primary schools work closely together, making the most of opportunities to integrate teaching and learning between schools. Pupils transfer at the end of Primary 7 to Mallaig High School for secondary education and a key part of their education experience.

Aims - We challenge every learner to reach their full potential by

- building positive relationships and creating a learning environment where every learner is safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, responsible, respected and included.
- providing high quality learning and teaching experiences which foster curiosity, creativity and a desire to learn.
- equipping children with skills for learning, life and work, enabling them to become successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.
- creating a child led curriculum that is balanced, engaging and relevant.

Starting school is an exciting time, and the school aims to ensure that each child feels secure and confident by providing an inclusive, positive ethos that values teamwork, cooperation and personal achievement, in order to provide the best possible educational start. The school works in partnership with parents, and greatly appreciates support and participation in the life of the school. Effective communication is one of the foremost priorities.

4. EIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Eigg Primary School is situated in the centre of the island, within 2 miles of the pier, shop and cafe. The school has a large classroom with separate nursery area. There is a kitchen, library and school office. The playground has an outdoor classroom, vegetable garden and small woodland area which is used as a forest school.

The current roll is 7 primary pupils taught in a multi-composite environment. The ELC connected to the school has 4 pupils.

The children are encouraged to both appreciate and learn from their local environment, and to develop a wider interest in the natural world generally.

The school is an integral part of life on Eigg, making a positive social and environmental contribution to island life. The pupils organise and participate in community events, including social evenings and beach clean-ups. The school really enjoys welcoming community members to school events, and believe there is a mutual benefit, as pupils' learning is deepened by the opportunity to share it, and community members are always keen to be involved in events in which children are showcasing their learning

There is an active and supportive Parent Council in the school.

A copy of the school handbook can be accessed here: [School handbooks - Primary schools 2022-2023 | Eigg Primary School Handbook 2022-2023 \(highland.gov.uk\)](https://www.highland.gov.uk/school-handbooks/primary-schools-2022-2023/eigg-primary-school-handbook-2022-2023)

The school website is available here: [Eigg Primary](#) (wordpress.com)

5. MUCK PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

The school is a central part of a small island community. Our values are:

- Teamwork
- aspire to be caring,
- respectful
- active
- positive
- achieving

The whole school community worked together in reviewing the school's values. It was a difficult decision just to pick six.

The school works in partnership with parents for the benefit of the child so that they can make progress personally, socially and in all aspects of their learning. Effective communication between home and school/nursery is extremely important.

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6. STAFFING

Eigg Primary: Eigg primary is a multi-composite class with ages from P1-7 taught by 2 teachers. At present the class teacher is split as a job share on a 3 day and 2 day basis. The head teacher is currently covering 2 days. The nursery has two part time Early Years Practitioners. The school also has a Clerical Assistant.

Muck Primary: Muck primary is a multi-composite class with ages from P1-7 taught by the Principal Teacher and a management cover/CCR teacher. The nursery has one Early Years Practitioner. . The school also has a Clerical Assistant.

7. RESOURCES

Both schools and nurseries have a good range of resources for all areas of the curriculum, including ICT provision.

8. SUPPORT SERVICES

Within the area, Head Teachers are supported in discharging their responsibilities by the Area Education and Learning Team. In addition, support is available from an Educational Psychologist, DSM Finance, Workforce Staffing & Planning Team, and IT

Systems Support Staff. There is also support provided by other agencies including the council's Health and Social Care service.

At Highland Council level the Head Teacher can call on and will receive a wide range of support from the Directorate, Collaborative Leads, other Council services and fellow Highland Primary Head Teachers.

9. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Head Teacher is responsible for managing the school on behalf of the Authority. S/he is accountable to the ECO for Education and Learning through the area Education and Learning Manager. The Head Teacher is responsible for planning and for monitoring the quality of learning and teaching throughout the school.

10. SALARY

The salary for the post is as advertised.

11. HOUSING & REMOVAL EXPENSES

There is a Lochaber Housing Association flat above Eigg Primary School which is prioritised for school staff.



(The view from the flat)