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Dear colleagues,

Please find below the May 2017 update from the Highland Emerging Literacy Group. This update outlines the recommendations for transition from P1 to P2 for schools who have taken a developmental approach to Emerging Literacy and Highland's support arrangements for the 2017/2018 session.

Transition from Primary 1 to Primary 2

At the fifth and final round of Emerging Literacy Networks across Highland, practitioners shared what would make an effective P1-P2 transition for those children who have followed a developmental approach to Emerging Literacy during the 2016/2017 session.



Practitioners across Highland shared that P1-P2 transition will be most effective for children when:

- ❖ **Primary 1 teachers share information with Primary 2 teachers about foundational reading and writing skills of the children who are still developing aspects of the Emerging Literacy developmental continuums.**
 - This information would be shared between the P1 and P2 teacher, in addition to the school's guidance on transition.
 - ❖ **P2 teachers continue to develop the foundational reading and writing skills for those children who are still developing aspects of the Emerging Literacy developmental continuums.**
 - In addition to sharing information with P1 teachers, P2 teachers can develop background knowledge of Emerging Literacy through accessing the [Emerging Literacy Training Videos](#) or the whole-day training on the [CPD calendar](#) in Term 1.
 - ❖ **A whole school approach to Emerging Literacy is developed to support each child and young person.**
 - The Emerging Literacy Networks will support schools to take a whole school approach to Emerging Literacy to support each child through taking a developmental approach to Emerging Literacy.
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Emerging Literacy Training Videos



As part of the Emerging Literacy suite of resources a series of videos have been created to support practitioners in taking a developmental approach to Emerging Literacy. The videos will take you through each aspect of Emerging Literacy exploring the theory, rationale and resources.

Emerging Literacy Networks 2017/2018

The Emerging Literacy networks have proven to be a supportive mechanism for practitioners during the 2016/2017 session in supporting practitioners to take a developmental approach through five twilight sessions during the academic session. These will continue during the 2017/2018 session in ten locations across the Local Authority.

There will be separate support available for schools who are beginning their Emerging Literacy journey (Year 1 schools) to those who are continuing their Emerging Literacy journey (Year 2+ schools). For a whole-school approach to Emerging Literacy to be effective, we have seen the greatest impact when P1 Class Teachers and a member of SMT attend together. A whole-school approach will ensure that all children and young people who can benefit from taking a developmental approach make appropriate progress.

Local Networks provide the opportunity for school practitioners to work with support services, Educational Psychologists and Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in a universal way. The following dates are available to apply for through the [CPD Calendar](#). When applying you will be signed up to the five sessions within your local network. Venues to be confirmed.

Area	Network Name	Year 1 Support	Year 2 Support	Network 1	Network 2	Network 3	Network 4	Network 5
South	Inverness	✓	✓	Wednesday 16/08/2017	Thursday 07/09/2017	Monday 13/11/2017	Tuesday 13/02/2018	Tuesday 22/05/2018
Mid	Dingwall	✓	✓	Thursday 17/08/2017	Wednesday 06/09/2017	Thursday 02/11/2017	Thursday 01/02/2018	Tuesday 08/05/2018
Mid	Invergordon	✓	✓	Monday 21/08/2017	Tuesday 03/10/2017	Monday 06/11/2017	Monday 12/02/2018	Wednesday 23/05/2018
West	Ullapool	✓	x	Tuesday 22/08/2017	Tuesday 26/09/2017	Wednesday 15/11/2017	Tuesday 06/02/2018	Monday 14/05/2018
South	Culloden	✓	✓	Wednesday 23/08/2017	Wednesday 27/09/2017	Wednesday 08/11/2017	Wednesday 14/02/2018	Wednesday 16/05/2018
West	Fort William	✓	✓	Thursday 24/08/2017	Wednesday 04/10/2017	Tuesday 07/11/2017	Wednesday 07/02/2018	Thursday 10/05/2018
North	Thurso	✓	✓	Monday 28/08/2017	Thursday 28/09/2017	Thursday 09/11/2017	Thursday 15/02/2018	Thursday 17/05/2018
North	Golspie	✓	x	Tuesday 29/08/2017	Monday 02/10/2017	Tuesday 14/11/2017	Thursday 08/02/2018	Wednesday 09/05/2018
West	Portree	✓	x	Wednesday 30/08/2017	Monday 25/09/2017	Thursday 16/11/2017	Thursday 22/02/2018	Wednesday 23/05/2018
South	Aviemore	✓	✓	Thursday 31/08/2017	Tuesday 19/09/2017	Wednesday 01/11/2017	Monday 05/02/2018	Tuesday 15/05/2018

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[The Highland Council Literacy Strategy – April 2017](#)

This document details the Authority's aims, their current priorities and includes key contacts and links to further support.

[Writing Repeater – Handwriting Instruction](#)

The tool can be used on an interactive whiteboard to demonstrate handwriting formation, and includes tools such as re-play which allows learners to play back the modelled formation.