

Broadband case study – North Lochs School

School enriches learning and teaching with broadband



Sgoil nan Loch, which serves the North Lochs community, is a primary to S2 school with a roll of over 100 pupils.

In common with other Western Isles schools, North Lochs is committed to a curriculum permeated with technology. For the local education authority, high speed broadband is as essential as desks and chairs.

In selecting Connected Communities broadband, the specification included:

- **High speed connectivity**
- **Multi-user support**
- **Reliability and robustness**
- **Ease of use**

North Lochs head, Andrew Reeves: “Remarkable compared to ISDN or dial up.”

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Outcomes delivered by Connected Communities broadband

- **No bandwidth bottlenecks**
- **Ability to use web-based applications, e.g. Google Earth**
- **More efficient use of online materials**
- **Enriched teaching and learning experiences**
- **Greater educational opportunities for pupils and staff**
- **Reducing the impact of remoteness**

What Andrew says...

Andrew Reeves: “The one huge benefit for us is the increased accessibility to learning and teaching materials online. Compared to ISDN or dial-up the difference is phenomenal, especially in terms of multi-user support. If we had no broadband, many online resources and applications would be completely meaningless.”

Jim Murphy, UK e-Government Minister: “What struck me most was the enthusiasm of the pupils I met who have embraced the technology at their fingertips. The broadband access they enjoy makes sure they benefit from the same IT-enabled education enjoyed by pupils across the rest of the UK.”

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