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Forestry and Land Scotland

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Bualnaluib Primary Parent Council in support of the project proposed by the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Slattadale (SC051510). Our school falls under the catchment area of the proposed new community organisation and I believe it would be a great benefit to our pupils, their families and the wider community.

In a time when learning and even home time is often dominated by the digital world and technology, giving children and young people a space to connect with their environment is invaluable. Our local area has so much to offer but sadly it is not always accessible to schools because of logistical constraints (access, toilets etc). This new project would give kids outdoor learning opportunities for years to come.

The project would also create a space for the various schools from the Associated school groups (ASG) to work and meet together, strengthening the ties between pupils and schools. We have seen the benefits of pupils being able to meet one another before starting high school in our own primary school when we have linked up with Poolewe primary (part of our school cluster). This doesn't just count for their last year of primary but starting from early on. The Slattadale project would give kids this opportunity, providing a neutral meeting ground for all the primary schools in the ASG.

As parents we would love to see this organisation become a reality.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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Chair Bualnaluib Parent Council