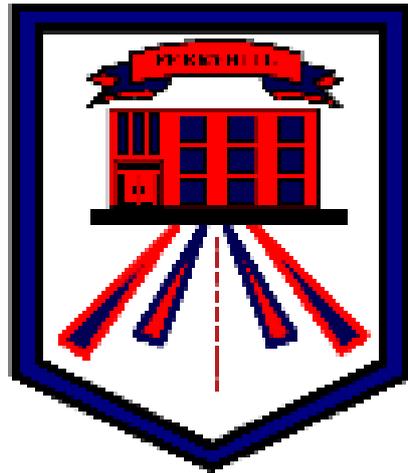


Moving into Primary 1



Ferryhill Primary School
Starting School Booklet

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Welcome to Ferryhill Primary School

Welcome to Ferryhill!

We hope that this booklet, which is designed to complement the school handbook, will be of some help in ensuring that your child has the best possible start in school.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your child's transition into Primary 1. We will do our best to help.

STARTING SCHOOL

Moving on from Nursery or home to Primary 1 is a very exciting and important milestone for both you and your child. However, it can also be a very anxious time. At Ferryhill Primary we feel it's important that we all work in partnership to ensure your child's transition is smooth and that they experience a positive start to school life.

If you feel any information has been omitted, or that there are any improvements we can make to our introduction to Primary 1, then please let us know.

School Contact details

School address 	Ferryhill Primary School Groathill Road North Edinburgh EH4 2SQ
School phone number 	0131-538-7382
School website 	https://ferryhillprimary.com/
School email address	E-mail: Admin@Ferryhill.edin.sch.uk

Important People



Here are some of the adults that may be working alongside your child.

		<p>Primary 1 Teachers</p>	<p>P1A – Miss Katherine Crerar P1B – Mrs Julie Gorman</p>
		<p>Pupil Support Assistants</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
		<p>Head Teacher</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
		<p>Depute Head Teacher</p>	<p>Ms Felicity Martin</p>
		<p>Principal Teacher</p>	<p>Ms Kirsteen Vince</p>
		<p>Business Manager</p>	<p>Mrs Carlene Marquez</p>
		<p>School Office Staff</p>	<p>Mrs Amanda Boath - Administrator Mrs Jane Henderson – Clerical Assistant</p>
		<p>School Janitor</p>	<p>Mr Steven Cameron</p>



Before your child comes to school

There are many things you can do with your child to help prepare them for school. Talk to them about the school routine and read through the transition information on the school website with them. Listed below are some practical suggestions for you and your child to work on together over the summer holidays.

You could:

- Play board games to encourage sharing and taking turns
- Encourage your child to dress and undress independently (including coats and shoes)
- Practise writing and recognising their own name
- Sing nursery rhymes and counting songs
- Play “I spy” (use the letter sound rather than the name)
- Enjoy drawing activities together. This will encourage good pencil grip and hand, eye coordination.
- Develop scissor skills – Help your child practise cutting paper and a variety of materials.
- Draw attention to size – large and small.
- Draw attention to colour in a natural way. “What a lovely blue sky today!”
- Count together whenever there is an opportunity, e.g. count the stairs, count the number of bananas in the fruit bowl, red cars in the street, teddies on their bed.
- As often as possible, read with your child. Share books, stories, talk about your favourite characters. The local library is a great source of exciting books.
- Help develop your child’s interests in books and model the enjoyment of reading. It will last them a life time and help them in all areas of the curriculum.
- Provide materials for moulding and touching. Make animals and interesting shapes with play dough or plasticine.
- Ask your child to help you in the kitchen – let them have fun weighing, pouring and measuring ingredients.

When your child starts school

As your child moves into Primary 1, there is a lot to learn and remember. Your help is very important, and you can support your child by:

- Asking them about school and their day– encourage them to talk about their learning
- Listening is an important skill. Model good listening skills and listen to them talk about their day. Likewise, teach them that it’s important to listen when others are talking to them.
- Reading to and with your child as often as possible, pointing out the author’s name and following the words with your finger.
- Name all clothing, shoes, lunch boxes and school bags
- Looking in your child’s bag daily for any school letters or correspondence
- Help your child with their homework each night



Current Primary 1 School Day

We have had to stagger our school day due to current restrictions and to ensure social distancing measures.

We will keep you updated if there are any changes made before August

Monday - Thursday	8.40 am – 8.50 am	Soft start activities
	8.50 - 10.30 am	Morning tasks
	10.30 am – 10.50 am	Playtime
	10.50 am – 12.00 pm	Morning tasks
	12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	Lunch and play
	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Afternoon tasks
Friday	8.40 am – 8.50 am	Soft start activities
	8.50 - 10.30 am	Morning tasks
	10.30 am – 10.50 am	Playtime
	10.50 am – 12. 20 pm	Morning Tasks

School Uniform

School uniform helps children look smart fosters a sense of pride in being members of our school community. The uniform can be ordered from BE Schoolwear – <https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/>. You need to type in the school's name and then you will be taken to the page where you can order the items you require.

Uniform prices from (all with the school logo):

Sweatshirt (Blue)	£12.99
Polo Shirts (White)	£10.99
Waterproof Heavyweight Reversible Jacket	£27.99
Lightweight reversible Jacket	£21.99
Fleeces Full zip	£16.99
School Tie	£4.00
Blazer	£37.99



School bag: This needs to be big enough to hold a variety of books and reading folders.

Labels: Please ensure that **all** clothes, shoes and personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Labels help us return items to their owners.



Lunch

School lunches are free for all P1 children and can be ordered on parentpay. Menus are available on the school website. Please note that meals should be Ordered and selected no later than a Thursday for the following week.

If you do not wish your child to have a school lunch, the alternatives are:

- Child goes home for lunch
- Child brings a packed lunch (all lunches must be **NUT FREE**)



Milk

Milk orders are taken every 7 weeks through parent pay. The cost is £6.00, however if you wish to pay for the whole year, a discounted price of £41.80 is offered.



Clothing Grant and Free Meals/Milk

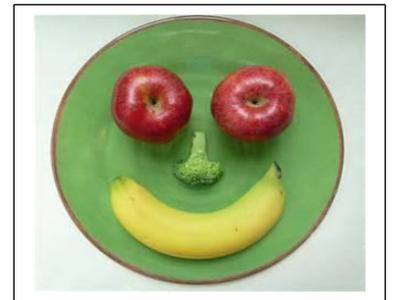
A clothing grant is available in some cases. Parents who wish to apply should complete an application form. Forms are available from the school office or:

City of Edinburgh Council
Children and Families Department
Grants, Awards and Placements
BC 1/1
4 East Market Street
Edinburgh
EH8 8BG
Tel: 0131 469 3000



Playtime snack

At Ferryhill, we promote a healthy lifestyle through our curriculum. You can help us by providing your child with one healthy, NUT-FREE snack for playtime. Please do not send in sweets or sugary drinks. Please send your child with a full water bottle each day which they drink from in both the class and playground. Water is also available in the dining hall.



Playground Supervision

The children are supervised at break time and lunch time by pupil support assistants. During poor weather conditions the children are supervised in school. Children have access to a toy bag, where they may borrow a range of balls, bats, skipping ropes etc. *Children should not bring toys from home for the playground or for in class.*

Contact Details

It is essential that the school has up to date contact details for your child. If you move to a new house or change home/mobile numbers, please keep the school office informed.

Two emergency contact details must also be provided. This is particularly important in case your child becomes unwell or in the event of an emergency.



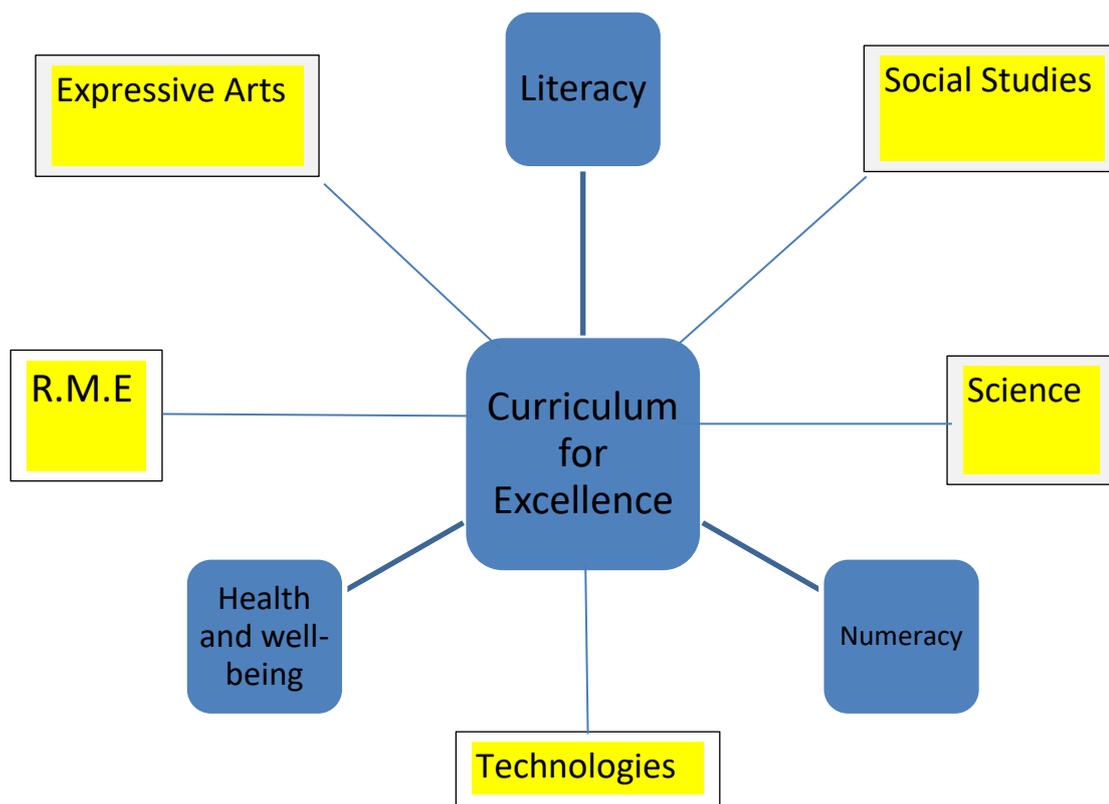
Active Learning

At Ferryhill your child will have the opportunity to experience an active and meaningful curriculum. An active approach challenges children's thinking using real life and imaginary situations. It takes full advantage of the opportunities for learning through spontaneous play, planned, purposeful play, investigating and exploring events and life experiences and focused learning and teaching.

Curriculum for Excellence

There are 8 areas of the curriculum which are taught throughout the year.

These areas are:



Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Well-being are taught discretely as well as being embedded across all areas of the curriculum.

Your child's classroom will be a busy and exciting environment, full of new opportunities for planned, purposeful play as well as spontaneous play. Opportunities to investigate, explore and develop new skills. A time for focused learning and teaching using a wide range of resources and approaches.



Useful information

<p>Speaking to class teachers</p>	<p>PSA's are available at the start of the school day to pass on any messages to class teachers as you drop children at school. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher regarding any concerns, please make an appointment through the school office.</p>
<p>Collecting your child</p>	<p>The class teacher will lead the children out to meet you. Please make sure you are on time and if there is a change to the person who normally collects your child, please notify staff in advance.</p>
<p>Homework/Reading bags</p>	<p>During the term, your child will be given a homework bag. Please check these bags at the end of each day and ensure that they are returned to school <u>every</u> day. This is especially important on Fridays to allow class teachers to update them for the next week.</p>
<p>Gym kits</p>	<p>Class teachers will inform you which days your child has P.E. and your child should bring kit on these days. Gym kit should consist of shorts and/or jogging bottoms, a t-shirt (no football colours please) and trainers/gym shoes. You may also wish to provide a hoody/zipped top to wear when P.E. takes place outdoors.</p>
<p>Soft Start</p>	<p>We run a soft start to our day where doors open for P1 children to enter the school between 8.40am – 8.50am. Please ensure that children are not in the playground before 8.40am. If arriving later than 8.50am children should enter the school at the school office.</p>
<p>Wet breaks</p>	<p>Your child will be supervised by PSAs in their classrooms.</p>
<p>Appointments</p>	<p>If your child has any medical appointments during the school day, please notify staff of the time they will need to be collected and what time they will be back in school.</p>
<p>Holidays</p>	<p>Unless there are exceptional circumstances, holidays during term time cannot be authorised by the head teacher and the absence will be recorded on the register as unauthorised.</p>
<p>Parent helpers</p>	<p>We always welcome parent helpers in school to support with school trips and special events. Please notify the school if you would like to help.</p>
<p>Medication</p>	<p>If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please contact the school office where you will be asked to fill in a permission slip. Please DO NOT send medication in with your child without prior notice and completion of relevant forms. If your child has a medical condition which requires us to keep medication in school (inhaler, epi-pen etc.) please make an appointment at the school office to arrange a care plan meeting.</p>
<p>Absences</p>	<p>If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please let the school know in advance. If your child is unwell, please call the school office as soon as possible giving details of their symptoms.</p>

Contact details	Please notify the school office of any changes to your or your emergency contacts details.
School policies	Keep an eye on the school and City of Edinburgh website for updates and links to our key school policies for more information on curriculum procedures
Parent Pay	<p>Our school uses Parent Pay. The school will provide you with account activation details when your child enrolls. Once you receive the details you can login and activate your account.</p> <p><u>What can you do on Parent Pay?</u></p> <p>School Lunches – View menus and check dietary and nutritional information. You can book and pay in advance or let your child choose in school.</p> <p>Trips – Pay for school trips through ParentPay. Schools can send out invitations to the relevant parents; who can respond with parental consent and provide medical information.</p> <p>Communication – Receive important messages from school via email and text.</p>



Ferryhill Parent Council

The Parent Council exists to encourage partnership between the School and our families and community. It is made up of parent members, school staff and co-opted members of the local community. The main objectives of the Parent council are:

- Working together with and supporting with everyone involved in school life – parents, learners, teachers, school staff and the wider community.
- Making sure that all parents have a say in their children’s education and can express their views and wishes.
- Listening to what families want the Parent Council to do and reporting back to the Parent Forum on their activities and how they can get involved.

You can contact the Parent Council and get involved by sending an e-mail to ferryhillparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

North Edinburgh Childcare



North Edinburgh Childcare is open 50 weeks of the year, Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00am – 6:00pm. Out of school care is available from school bell time until 5:45 – 6:00pm depending on which school your child attends. For more details or to apply for a place please go to: <http://www.northedinburghchildcare.co.uk/cms/faq>