



Blackhall Primary School



Information about and for care experienced children/families

All families need help and support at times in their lives; however things can be particularly difficult for children who are care experienced and their families. At Blackhall Primary School we want to ensure that every child and family has access to the support that they need, and that the wider school community recognises the challenges that others may be facing.

What does Care Experienced mean?

“Care experienced” means that a person is living or has lived in care at any stage in their life. This includes residential care, foster care, kinship care (living with relatives or friends) or at home with a compulsory supervision order from a Children’s Hearing. Not everyone who could identify as care experienced will choose to do so and every person who is care experienced will have had different experiences.

Where can I find out more information and background?

In Scotland, between 2017 and 2020, there was an [Independent Care Review](#) that resulted in seven reports, including [The PromiseReport](#). The Promise is that every child in Scotland will grow up safe, loved and respected. The conclusions of the Independent Care Review were accepted in full by the Scottish Government and all political parties. Work is underway to make changes before 2030, when The Promise must be kept.

The information linked here, as well as on some of the websites below, can provide **further information** about the Independent Care Review, The Promise and about support for care experienced children and families.

Where can I find information and support?

If you are finding things a bit tough:

[Aberlour](#)

[Barnardo's](#)

[Children 1st support line](#)

[Circle](#)

[Citizens Advice Edinburgh](#)

[Edinburgh City Council support for families page](#)

[One Parent Families Scotland](#)

If you are care experienced or want information about care experience/legal rights:

[Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland](#)

[Clan Childlaw](#)

[Scottish Throughcare and Aftercare Forum](#)

[Who Cares? Scotland](#)

[Young Scot](#)

If you are a carer:

[Association for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scotland \(AFKA\)](#)

[Fostering network](#)

[Kinship Care Advice Service for Scotland](#)

[Scottish Adoption and Fostering](#)