



**Welcome to
Blackhall Primary
School
and
Primary One**



Welcome to life as part of Blackhall Primary Community!

New...

- **Places** - The Dip, The Field, The Park, The Wonder Woods, The 'woods woods', The sweetie shop, The School Gate ...
- **Abbreviations** – BCSC, PSA, PCC, ASN, ASC, BFGs
- **Communications** - Blackhall Residents Facebook, P1 WhatsApps, ClassList, Parentmail (ParentPay)
NB When responding to ParentPay, please reply to
admin@blackhall.edin.sch.uk)
- **Experiences** – School Discos, DREAM and STEaM Fairs, Dress down, Dress Up, Sports' Days, Pantomime trip, ...



Blackhall Primary School in Context

Our Royal High School Learning Community:

- Blackhall Primary
- Clermiston Primary
- Cramond Primary
- Davidson's Mains Primary
- The Royal High School

Location:
North West Edinburgh



Senior Leadership Team

- Head Teacher
- Depute Head Teacher
- Principal Teacher
- Business Manager

Kirsty Martin
Anna Hazel-Dunn
Andrew Gardner
Lesley Wood



Our Vision

- Blackhall Primary is inclusive.
- We are respectful and kind.
- We try to keep healthy and fit.
- Every voice is heard and opinions respected.
- We have pride in our school and aim to be good ambassadors.
- We have opportunities to learn, try new things, make mistakes (and learn from them!) and be successful.





Creativity

Responsibility

Ambition

Resilience

Respect

Our Blackhall Values

Our School Rules

Ready
Safe
Respectful



Blackhall Primary School in Context

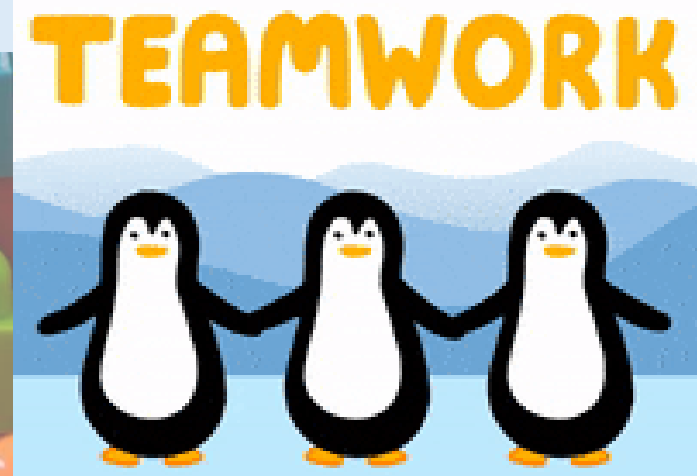
School configuration 2026-2027:

- 368 pupils (approximately)
- 14 classes (Average 26 pupils per class)
- Currently 2 classes per stage from P1-7



The Blackhall Team

- Children and their families
- Senior Leadership Team
- Teachers
- Pupil Support Assistants (PSA)
- Pupil Support Officer (PSO)
- Early Years Practitioner (EYP)- Mrs Sarah Adam
- Facilities Manager - Mr Terry McCutcheon
- School Administrator - Mrs Aimee McIntyre



Our Wider Team – Partnership Agencies

- ✓ Psychological Services
- ✓ Occupational Therapists
- ✓ SaLT
- ✓ Inclusion Support Team (IST) – IST teacher, EAL teacher, PSO
- ✓ Education Wellbeing Service (EWS)
- ✓ Active Schools Co-ordinator
- ✓ School Nurse

HOWDY PARTNER



School Hours

- **Monday -Thursday 8.50am -3.00pm**
 - Morning break 10.30 – 10.45am
 - Lunch break 12.00 – 12.45pm
 - Afternoon break 2.15 – 2.35pm
- **Friday 8.50am -12.15pm**
- **Reporting Absence – 8.00am-8.50am**
 - Call or email the office and include reason for absence (not just 'unwell')



- **School lunches/Milk - Ordered through ParentPay**
 - FORMs link being sent out tomorrow, 21st of May
 - From then, lunches to be ordered by Tuesday evening of the previous week
- **Spare uniform**
 - Preloved uniform is available in school for free or a small donation
- **School grants**
 - Families on low income can apply for school grants to help with the cost of lunches, milk and school uniform
 - For more information speak to Mrs Hazel-Dunn or follow this link - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing/free-school-meals-school-clothing-grants>
- **Medication**
 - If your child has a prescribed medication, you need to fill in a medical form, available from the office
 - Please complete the form and hand in to office with the medication
 - All medication should be in the packaging with the pharmacy label



Home/School Partnership



- **Communication between school and home – emails, newsletters, phone calls, meetings, check ins**
- **Class TEAMS' pages**
- **Biannual Parent consultations**
- **Parent Staff Association (PSA)**
- **Parent Carer Council (PCC)**
- **Volunteers**
- **Open Door Policy**

We really couldn't do it without you!

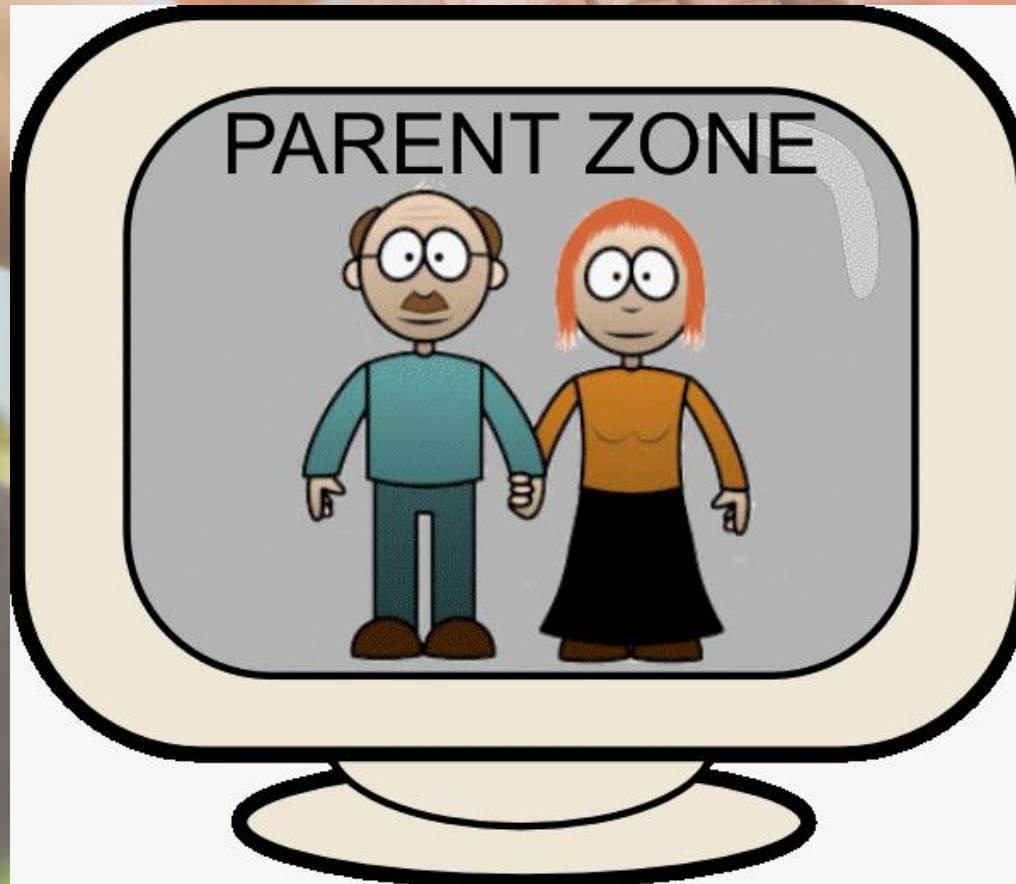
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by Action for Children

- Breakfast Club
- After School Club
- Holiday Programmes
- Activities

SpringOscars@actionforchildren.org.uk

Blackhall Parent Carer Council (PCC) and Blackhall Parent Staff Association (PSA)



Blackhall School Parent Carer Council



Kate Walker, Parent Council Chair

Blackhall Primary School Parent Carer Council



Who are we:

- ▶ Chair
- ▶ Vice Chair
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Secretary
- ▶ Year Reps
- ▶ ASN Rep



Meetings:

- ▶ 4 times per year, plus an AGM in June
- ▶ Wednesday night for 1.5 hours, at the school
- ▶ Headteacher, Local Councillors, other staff members and parents/carers may attend

Our role and activities



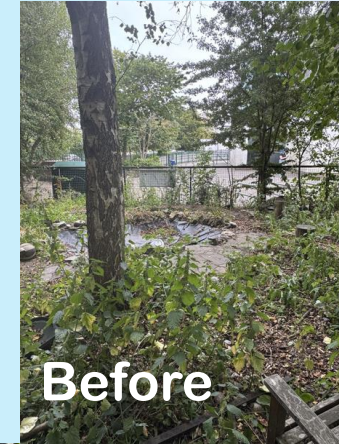
The main aim of the Parent Carer Council is to represent all parents/carers, to help the school community be successful and to support improvement.

Areas of focus:

- ▶ School Playground
- ▶ School Garden Areas
- ▶ Safe Parking
- ▶ Support for low income families
- ▶ Link with Pupil Council



2025 / 26 achievements



Get involved – current vacancies

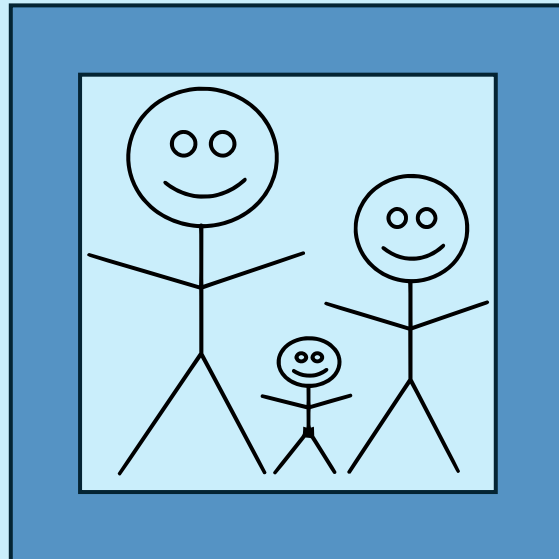


► P1 rep:

Link with year group

Raises issues on behalf of P1

Reports back from meetings



► Secretary:

Works with Chair to prepare meeting Agendas

Attends/contributes to meetings

Prepares minutes of meetings





Blackhall Parent Staff Association



Natalie Moffat, PSA Chair

Support Blackhall Primary by:

- Using Amazon Smile Log in via: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and chose Blackhall Primary School PSA as chosen charity;
- Shop online using EasyFundraising with over 6000 retailers- select Blackhall Primary School - Edinburgh- they'll double your first £5 too! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>;
- Purchase uniform from Border Embroidery
- Donation <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/blackhallprimaryPSA>
- Match funding, donation of goods and time.



Get involved!

- Join ClassList
- Join PSA or Parent Carer Council – 3 P1 year group representatives
- Let us know other ways you can contribute (What are your talents?)
- Come along to events
- Get involved in football



Dates for the diary



- **Saturday, 6th June 2026** - Blackhall Children's Sports Committee Day, Ravelston Park
- **Thursday, 11th June 2026, 7.00pm** - Blackhall Parent Carer Council and PSA Joint AGM, Small hall at Blackhall Primary School.
- **Tuesday 16th or Wednesday 17th June 2026** (depending on your child's visit day)– Please return completed documents from your Welcome Pack
 - Remember to speak to Mrs Hazel-Dunn, Mrs McIntyre or Mrs Adam if your child has any medical issues as we may have to complete a health plan or a medical form.

Starting School

- Wednesday 12th August 9.15am – 2:45pm
- Thursday 13th August 9.15am-2:45pm
- Friday 14th August 8:50am-12.15pm

Please remember to order lunches for your child if required. This is done through the FORMs link for this first week.

OFF TO SCHOOL



Before Your Child Comes To School!

- Spend time having fun with your child
- Help them become more independent
 - Putting on and taking off their jumpers and shoes
 - Going to the toilet
 - Tidying up after they have finished doing an activity
 - Taking responsibility for their belongings
- Work on turn taking, sharing and waiting through games
- Develop fine motor skills, through activities like playing with small blocks, beads, threading, puzzles, playdough, cutlery skills, etc.
- Looking after and taking care of the things they use
- Be confident to set clear boundaries – saying 'No' is ok
- Practise saying goodbye so they have a positive start to the day



More top tips on ParentClub - <https://www.parentclub.scot/node/384>

Any questions?

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