



Cockpen House



Kevock House



Dalhousie House



Polton House



Hawthornden Primary School

Welcomes you to Primary 1

Your first day at school will be:

Wednesday 16th August 2023



Hawthornden Primary School

Curriculum Map / Rationale

Midlothian Learner



Our Motto -

Learning Today, Tomorrow, Forever

Legendary Learning List



PRIDE Values

Positivity
 Respect
 Inclusive
 Determination
 Empathy

Nurture Pillars and Principles

Care and Challenge

1. Learning is understood developmentally
2. The classroom offers a safe base
3. Nurture is important for the development of self-esteem
4. Language is understood as a vital means of communication
5. All behaviour is communication
6. Transitions are significant in the lives of children

Vision / Aims

#nurturingden

All learners at Hawthornden feel valued in a safe nurturing environment

#learningden

They understand and can describe what they are learning, how they are learning and where they will go next

#celebratingden

We share progress and celebrate successes and work together to ensure that children achieve their full potential.

First Week in Primary One:

Wednesday 16th August to Friday 18th August 2023

Date

Activity

Wednesday 16th August 2023	<p><u>First Day in Primary One</u></p> <p>9.00am – Drop off in class line in playground. 12pm – Collection from classroom door.</p> <p>Our Primary One children will not receive lunch on this date.</p>
Thursday 17th August 2023	<p><u>Second Day in Primary One</u></p> <p>9.00am - Drop off in class line in playground. 12pm- Collection from playground.</p> <p>This will be the first day of your child having lunch in school. Primary One will have lunch at 11:30 this will mean that our P1 teachers will be on hand to help out in the lunch hall and support this first experience. After lunch children will be lined up to go home from the classroom exit door.</p>
Friday 18th August 2023	<p><u>Third Day in Primary One</u></p> <p>8.45am – 12:20pm</p> <p>This will be your child's first time entering school at the normal school time. Please encourage them to stand in line independently when the bell goes.</p> <p>All Primary 1 children are entitled to a free packed lunch on a Friday. This must be selected on the school dinner form in advance.</p> <p>This is your child's first day of being collected from the playground at the same time as the other pupils. This is a busy time of day please make sure you stand near their classroom door and make yourself visible to your child and their teacher when they are released.</p>
Monday 21st August onwards	<p>Please refer to page overleaf for details of school hours, break and lunchtime.</p>

Primary One School Day

Monday to Thursday

8:45am – 3:15pm

Break: 10:15am – 10:30am

Lunch: 12:15pm – 1pm

Friday

8:45am-12:20pm

Break: 10:15am - 10:30am



School Uniform

Parents/ Carers are asked to follow the school dress code for their child. All children should be appropriately dressed for school and equipped for the changing weather. We encourage pupils to change into gym rubbers when they are in school.

To help on gym days please encourage your child to wear clothing which is easy to change - not a shirt and tie! Also no jewellery. If ear-rings are worn then please provide surgical tape to secure them to prevent injury.

You can wear;

- ✓ A royal blue school sweatshirt or jumper/cardigan
- ✓ A white/blue polo shirt
- ✓ Navy/ black/ grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- ✓ Blue checked dress in the summer
- ✓ All children should wear black/ navy shoes

Sweatshirts and polo shirts etc with the school logo are available to purchase from the following website but are not mandatory - the same colours from a supermarket are totally fine:
www.hawthorndenps.imagescotland.com



If you are in receipt of certain benefits and your child is entitled to a clothing grant please complete the online form on the Midlothian website - www.midlothian.gov.uk



We ask that all school clothes are clearly marked with the pupils' name.

Change of Clothes

Please supply your child with a change of clothes. This should come to school in a plastic bag labelled with your child's name and can be kept on their peg in case they have an accident. It is fine for these clothes to be non-uniform.

P.E. Kit

For P.E. children must come to school with a pair of trainers or gym shoes, shorts and t-shirt in a P.E. bag to be used for this purpose. Each child will be allocated a school house team and are welcome to wear their colour during P.E. Please contact our school office if you wish to order a house colour PE kit which consists of a gym bag, black shorts and house colour t-shirt. You can email the office at www.hawthornden.ps@midlothian.gov.uk

It would be helpful if you could dress your child (on P.E. days) in easy clothes to change into (e.g. socks instead of tights, no school tie, polo shirt rather than shirt, etc.) Perhaps you could practise dressing/undressing prior to starting school. A wee holiday project!

Shoes that your child can fasten without the help of an adult would be greatly appreciated. Your child's P.E. kit should be in school at all times and will be sent home at the end of every term to be washed.

School Bag

At Hawthornden we will provide each child with a reading bag which will be used to hold your child's reading book and any homework. This will be sent home when your child begins their phonics learning. Prior to this, play to learn bags will be sent home and these should be returned each week to allow for resources to be replaced for the next child. More information regarding these will be provided in August. The school will provide all stationery in class, therefore your child does not need a pencil case.

Water Bottle

Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day. Please provide your child with a water bottle, this can be replenished during the day as required, but should come home daily to be washed. School water bottles can be purchased from the office. Please label with your child's name.

Playtime/Snack

At morning break and lunchtime adult playground supervisors look after the children. As we are a Health Promoting School, please support us by giving your child a healthy snack each day - NO NUT products. In addition to this, free fruit is given to each child in P1 on a Wednesday.

Milk

Milk will be available to be purchased for your child to drink in class each day. Milk can be ordered termly or yearly and paid for by cash or through parent pay. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, Milk and Clothing Grant, you can now do this online at www.midlothian.gov.uk. It is helpful to the school if parents/carers could still complete the online application form if you think you may be eligible, even if your child does not wish to have school meals or milk as it generates additional income for the school.

Lunches

Children can make the following lunch choices:

- **School lunch**

All children in Primary One are entitled to a free meal Monday to Friday. Children are entitled to a packed lunch on a Friday - this must be ordered on their lunch form in advance. Menus are provided by Midlothian Catering Services and are issued termly to all children and you can also view the menu on the Midlothian Council Website.

- **Packed lunch**

Please supply your child's healthy packed lunch in a named box. Packed lunches are to be brought for lunch only. Please ensure that snacks for break are given in small snack pots not lunch bags.

Start of the School Day

At the start of the school day all children will line up in their classes and will be invited into the school by their teacher at their classroom door. Please support your child by encouraging them to line up with their class where possible.

End of the School Day

Please wait in the playground to collect your child. If there is any change in arrangement, please let us know by telephone so that we can reassure your child.

Reporting Absences

If your child will be absent from school please report non-attendance by telephoning the school office before 8:45am on [0131 271 4600](tel:01312714600). If you have not telephoned us then our office staff will contact you via a text message. If you know in advance that your child is going to be absent please telephone or send a letter to school - it is not necessary to do both!

Keeping your Child safe / Medical

Support staff are on hand to help in the dining hall and support in the playground. The playground supervisors will not recognise every parent, relative or family friend so at break times and lunch times we encourage children to keep away from the railings for their own safety. Parents should report to the office if they need to hand in snacks or other necessary items - please don't pass them through the railings.

We will inform parents if an accident has occurred. A note is always sent home if there has been a bump to the head.

Ensure all personal information is correct and up to date - including emergency contacts. Please send in any changes in writing. It is important to inform the school of any changes to the main contact mobile telephone number as this is the number we use to send text messages.

Inform staff if your child has a specific medical condition - forms for medication need to be filled in and completed. No medication can be given without this consent form.

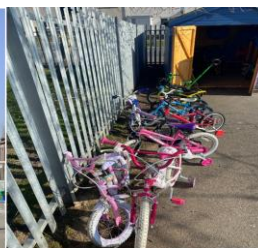
Allow 48hrs clear for any symptoms of sickness or diarrhoea. Report outbreaks of head lice to staff. We no longer inform parents by letter so check hair regularly and tie long hair back.

The Curriculum

In Primary 1 we follow a play based curriculum alongside some prescriptive literacy and numeracy programmes to ensure your child meets all the expectations within the Early Level curriculum as outlined by Education Scotland. Our classrooms are designed in a way which stimulates a child's drive for exploration and discovery. We believe our environment and curriculum motivates your child to gain mastery over their environment, promoting focus and concentration. It also enables your child to engage in enquiry processes of problem solving, analysing, evaluating, applying knowledge and creativity.

Within our play based curriculum we deliver bike and scooter skills and have play based sessions for P.E. on a weekly basis to develop gross motor skills as well as allowing opportunities for messy play. Messy play fosters creativity and imagination, encourages language and communication skills, practices concentration, and promotes physical development.

Below is an image of one of our Play Based classrooms. Our school is not open plan which benefits our pupils tremendously as although play can be noisy it can be closely monitored and altered for more focused learning tasks.



Home Learning and Workshops for Parents and Carers

Information about ways in which you can help your child and support learning at home will be shared with you at the start of the new session.

We are also looking forward to inviting you to school to share the approaches and the resources we use to teach your child and to involve you in the life of the Primary One classroom.

Information will be sent out via the *Google Classroom* on how you can support your child with their learning at home.

Parent Council

The Parent Council is a group of parents and teachers. They organise fundraising events throughout the year for pupils, parents and the wider community. The Parent Council consults with the school staff on how best to spend the money.

If you would like to join the group or have any ideas for fundraising or simply want to meet other parents then please look out for information on the school website and/ or contact our PTA chairperson.

Aileen King - PTA Chairperson hawthorndenparentcouncil@gmail.com

School Communication

We will provide parents with regular school newsletters and emails.

You will receive letters regarding school activities and these will normally be sent home in blue bags. Some information may only be issued via the email or by text message if there is no need to issue a paper copy.

Updates can also be found on our Twitter Page: [@HawthorndenPrim](https://twitter.com/HawthorndenPrim)

Google Classroom

Key information and home learning from P1 class teachers will be shared via *Google Classroom*. *Google Classroom* is the main form of communication between P1 teachers and parents. At the start of August login details will be shared with you and we ask you to sign up as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on any useful information.

Home/School Partnership

Starting P1 is an important milestone in a child's life and a big step for parents and carers too. We are really excited to welcome you all to Hawthornden Primary School and are looking forward to working in partnership with you over the coming months and years. During the course of the year please look out for dates for our Family Learning sessions which are held termly in our school building as well as soft start and busy finish dates which allow you to learn and play with your child in their learning environment.

I want to reassure you that our school staff will be available to support you and your child on their journey into Primary One and beyond. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries or information that you feel would be of help to your child and to their teacher through our school email address: Hawthornden.PS@midlothian.education

Important Contact Information

School (main office):0131 271 4600

School Email: Hawthornden.PS@midlothian.gov.uk

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