CRAMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Transition to Primary 1

Every Child. Every Day. | Growing together from Nursery to P1

Starting Primary 1 is an exciting next step. At Cramond, we want every child to feel safe, confident and included as they move from nursery into school. We work with families and nursery staff to make this transition positive and personal.

One continuous learning journey

Nursery and Primary 1 are both part of the Early Level of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence. Children continue learning through meaningful play, exploration, relationships and carefully planned experiences. P1 builds on what children already know and can do; learning does not suddenly change to formal lessons on the first day.

Getting to know each child

Our staff share information about children's strengths, interests, friendships, communication, wellbeing and support needs. Families are important partners in this process. We consider individual needs and class balance carefully, while also giving children opportunities to make new friendships across the P1 year group.

Preparing for the move

- Talk positively and naturally about school, while making space for any worries or questions.
- Enjoy stories, songs, games, drawing, outdoor play and conversations together.
- Practise manageable routines such as putting on a coat, opening a lunchbox, recognising belongings and asking an adult for help.
- Read the P1 social story together and look through the welcome materials when they are shared.
- Avoid pressure to read, write or count before starting school: children arrive with different experiences and develop at their own pace.

Visits, familiar faces and extra support

Transition activities and visits help children become familiar with their new spaces, routines and adults. Details for each intake are shared directly with families. Some children benefit from additional visits, adapted arrangements or a more individual transition plan. Please speak to nursery staff or the school team early so that we can plan together.

The first weeks in P1

Children will learn through play indoors and outdoors, supported by skilled adults. They will be helped to develop friendships, confidence and independence. Some settle quickly; others take longer or experience a wobble after a good start. We will work with you, keep in touch and provide reassurance where needed.

P1 school hours

Monday–Thursday: 8.50am–2.50pm | Friday: 8.50am–12 noon. Any special arrangements for the first week are confirmed separately for each new intake.

Useful information and keeping in touch

Please also see "Starting Primary 1" in the Welcome & Getting Started section of MySchoolApp for practical information about school bags, snacks, lunches, uniform and the school day. The school shares class welcome sheets and the "Cramond Crew Adventure" social story with new families.

Speak with your child's nursery key worker or contact the school office on 0131 312 6450 if you have questions or would like to discuss additional transition support.

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