Welcome to Primary 1 at Cramond



CRAMOND NURSERY & SCHOOL
Learning together
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CRAMOND SCHOOL
AMBITION • COMMUNITY • EQUITY • EXCELLENCE

A happy, confident start

Starting school is an exciting milestone. We want every child to feel safe, valued, included and excited about learning. Children arrive with different experiences, interests and strengths. We build on their nursery learning and work closely with families to make the transition welcoming and positive.

Learning through play — with purpose

Children learn by doing, talking, imagining, practising and investigating. At Cramond, play and teaching work together: our teachers provide short, focused teaching, plan meaningful experiences and extend learning through skilled interactions.

- Explore, investigate and ask questions.
- Build strong foundations in early reading, writing and mathematics.
- Create, design, build, test and solve problems.
- Develop friendships, communication, independence and resilience.

What might a P1 day include?

Connecting and belonging	**Warm welcomes, relationships, routines and time to talk.**
Learning together	Stories, phonics, literacy, numeracy and focused teaching.
Exploring and discovering	Purposeful play, creative challenges, collaboration and investigation.
Learning outdoors	Movement, nature, challenge and learning across indoor and outdoor spaces.

Our Cramond Cares values

Respect • Excellence • Equality • Kindness

These values guide us in how we learn, play, care for one another and celebrate success.

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Our learning environments

Our classrooms and outdoor areas encourage children to make choices, use materials creatively and follow their curiosity. Teachers carefully plan learning opportunities while responding to children's ideas. Our wider Our Place playground celebrates Confidence, Creativity, Community and Care.

Every child is a learner

We recognise that learning looks different for different children. Adults offer appropriate support and challenge, nurture wellbeing and help children develop confidence to try, practise and improve.

How we share progress

We share learning through Learning Journals and communicate with families through school updates and our school app. We value conversations about children's strengths, interests and next steps.

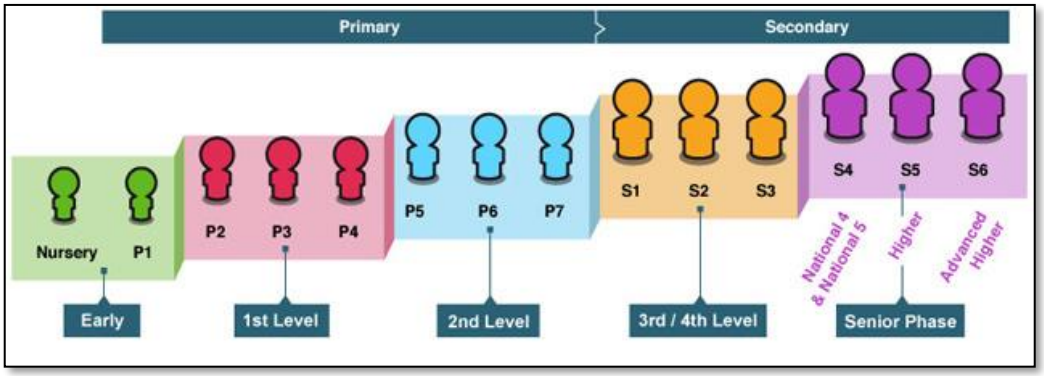
How you can help at home

- Talk, listen, tell stories and enjoy books together.
- Notice numbers, patterns, shapes and signs in everyday life.
- Encourage independence with coats, belongings and simple routines.
- Make time for outdoor play, creativity and friendships.
- Share anything that will help us understand and support your child.

Working together

You know your child best. We look forward to building a strong partnership with you as your child settles into Cramond and flourishes.

Starting school is not a one-off event – it is a continuation of the learning journey from birth. Curriculum for excellence spans learning aged 3 -18.



Getting Ready for School

- **Practice routines** for developing independence in getting dressed, zipping coat, put on shoes.
- **Recognizing own name** – try copying first letter and even other letters- avoid capital letter focus, other than first letter of name**. Encourage drawing,/colouring, games, books, rhymes**.
- **Start to hold a pencil and scissors** – encourage **focus on activity for increasing lengths of time**
- **Model in activity or game how to take turns, share, explain feelings, cope with losing a game or not being first**. Teach how to play board/card games: dominoes, bingo, snakes & ladders.
- Limit screen time to **focus on verbal interaction with adults, peers and siblings**. Encourage imaginative play. **Increase vocabulary through games, stories, rhymes and math's in counting, measuring, sorting and organizing**. All through play and real-life experiences. **Enjoy messy play**.



Welcome Our Prospective August 2027 families – Fill in form

Transition into CEC school Timeline:

30 October 2026 – Registration opens
All eligible children should be registered, including those considering deferral or a placing request.

4 November 2026 – Primary School Open Day
Families visit Cramond, meet staff and House Captains, and learn about P1.

20 November 2026 – **P1 registration deadline**
Families should complete online registration by this date.

24 December 2026 – Placing request deadline
Families wishing to apply for a school outside their catchment should submit their request by this date.

28 February 2027 – Deferral application deadline
For eligible children born between 16 August 2022 and 28 February 2023.

Spring–Summer 2027 – Cramond transition programme
Nursery liaison, information for parents, planned visits and additional transition support. Exact dates to be confirmed by Cramond.

August 2027 – Welcome to P1!
Beginning the new school year and settling into the Cramond community.

Useful Links

- CEC – Starting Primary School
- Register for P1
- Placing Requests
- Deferred Entry to P1