





George Heriot's School  
Founded 1628



“At school I like learning new things.”

Elizabeth | P1



## Welcome

A very warm welcome to Primary 1 at Heriot's. We hope that this booklet will give you some insight into our safe, happy, exciting environment. At Heriot's, the children are encouraged to do their best and to be kind to each other. We believe this leads to happiness and success.

Please call our friendly Admissions team to arrange a visit. We will be very pleased to show you around.

## Structure of P1

In P1, we have 3 classes, each comprising 22 children. The classes are taught by their class teacher with assistance from Nursery Nurses, Support for Learning Staff, our Able Child Coordinator, our Learning Enhancement Staff, our Support Staff and our S6 pupils.

The P1 classrooms are located in the light, bright Greyfriars Building which is situated on the soft playground.

“I like the teachers because they are kind.”

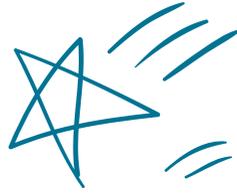
Dulcie | P1



## Learning

When the children start P1, we carry out a small assessment which allows us to tailor the work to suit each child. We don't want anyone to be put off learning because the work is too difficult or to be bored because the work is too easy. We aim to get it just right.

The children work in groups and the groups change frequently as every child learns at a different pace.



**“The teachers at George Heriot’s School are fantastic because they always make it really fun.”**

Alex | P1



## Specialist Teachers

Specialist teachers teach Physical Education and Music in Primary 1. As the children progress through the Junior School, more and more specialist teaching is added. By P7, the children have specialist teaching for Physical Education, Music, Art, Computing, Modern Languages, Drama and Games.

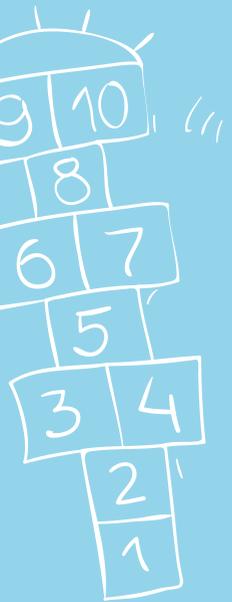


## Break and Lunch Times **Learning Enhancement**

P1 children like to play on the soft playground at break or, in good weather, on the beautiful lawns. We have lots of toys and our Nursery Nurses teach the children games. There is plenty of space in which to run around and have fun.

At lunch time, everyone eats in the School Refectory. Primary 1 and Primary 2 children are supervised in the Refectory by their Class Teachers.

The Learning Enhancement Department is unique to Heriot's. It is staffed by a team of fully qualified, experienced Primary Teachers who have undertaken additional training in the teaching of Philosophy, Resilience and Mindfulness. Every child in the Junior School has Learning Enhancement once per week. We believe that the subjects taught in this department build confidence and aid lifelong learning.



**“I like break time because I like playing with my friends. I have lots of friends.”**

Emma K | P1



## Conferencing

Good relationships between staff and pupils are vital. Therefore, we timetable 'conferencing' every week. This is the chance for each child to spend one-to-one time with the class teacher to discuss life at school.



“My school is really special because all the activities are really nice.”

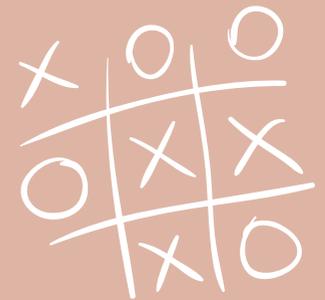
Luke | P1

## Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care, staffed by the Heriot's team, is available until 6 pm every day during term time. Early Years children are collected from their classrooms by Wrap Around Care staff. The children have a snack on arrival in Wrap Around Care and then participate in a variety of activities. We make as much use of the outdoor space as possible.

Regular bookings can be made, as can ad hoc bookings. Charges are based on the amount of time your child is at Wrap Around Care on any afternoon.

Wrap Around Care is available from 8.30 am – 5.30 pm during all the school holidays (except Christmas and Easter weekend). A full programme of trips, workshops and activities takes place at these times.



## Café George – the Heriot’s deli

Café George is open to all pupils from 7.30 am each morning for the sale of breakfast items. Primary 1 pupils can use this facility and then be escorted to their classrooms by the Junior School Support Staff member who supervises the Early Years children in the deli each morning.

“My school is really special because of Charities Fair. We had an amazing time.”

Lauren | P1



## Morning drop off/Afternoon collection

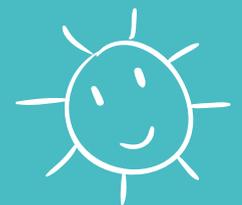
The school day begins at 8.35 am and P1 parents are permitted to drive onto the terrace to drop off their children. Similarly, P1 parents can drive onto the terrace in the afternoon and collect their child from the classroom.

The school gates are closed during the school day and access is strictly monitored by the janitor in the gate house.



“I like everything in school!”

Tim | P1



## After School Activities

There are a number of after school activities for Primary 1 children, including multi-sports, singing, art and ipad clubs. The number of after school activities available increases as the children move through the Junior School.

## Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association is very active and is always looking for help in a huge variety of ways. Parents help at school activities and the Parents' Association also organises a number of social events.



“I like trips  
because you get  
to see lots of  
new things.”



Amélie | P1



Alastair Morrison, Head of Junior School



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