

East Lothian Council

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1) Within your local authority area, when do Primary 1 pupils begin a full time day? Is it from the start of term, a number of days or weeks into the term, or from the September weekend?

Children are full day from the start of term.

2) Have you ever carried out any impact studies, surveys or research into full time days for Primary 1's? For example, in 2009 Glasgow City Council carried out this research which engaged teachers, parents and pupils: <https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/125853/response/310349/attach/html/3/Committee%20Report1.pdf.html> Please provide copies or links if so.

No, none have been carried out.

3) Do headteachers have autonomy over P1 day length within your local authority area, or is this decided by the local authority centrally? Please provide details of variations of the hours offered to P1 pupils where these exist.

The number of teaching hours do not vary. However the start and finish times and length of lunch break can vary from school to school.

4) Does your local authority, or individual schools within your local authority, provide any support for working parents in the form of lunch clubs, afternoon clubs, play clubs or supervised care during the afternoons if the school day for P1's is curtailed until lunchtime at the start of the school year? If so please provide details such as a link, and information about costs etc.

Not applicable as school day is not curtailed.

Finally, it may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold.

In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>