

Craighall Consultation FAQs

Q: What would happen to the children currently living in the proposed Craighall catchment area?

A: The affected area currently includes 158 properties, all of which are student flats at Queen Margaret University.

There are currently no pupils resident and attending East Lothian schools in any of the current properties within the affected area.

Table 1: Existing streets/properties which would transfer to the proposed Craighall primary school catchment area:

Street names	Property Names/Numbers	Postcode
QUEEN MARGARET UNIVERSITY DRIVE	Student Residence Flats	EH21 6UD

Q: How will the hosting work? How will Stoneyhill Primary School be affected?

A: The “hosting” arrangement will last for a period of up to 36 months and will be subject to an acceptable start date and programming for development at the Craighall site and an acceptable comprehensive solution for the Craighall site (MH1) as a whole.

The staff and pupils of Stoneyhill Primary School will continue to have appropriate access to areas of the school building, including the dining area, gym facilities and outdoor areas. The proposed shared campus arrangement will build on current best practice within East Lothian and other local authorities leading to the delivery of high-quality education within this arrangement. There is no way to predict the ages of the children who will come out of the proposed development at Craighall therefore a flexible approach will need to be taken when it comes to how the classes will work in order to find the most appropriate arrangement.

Children will benefit from planned learning experiences with their peers within Stoneyhill Primary School until such time as the new school building is operational and the Head Teacher of Stoneyhill Primary School will assume temporary leadership responsibility for Craighall primary school on a joint headship basis.

Q: How will transportation to and from the school work?

A: The Craighall site will be accessible both in public transport and sustainable transport terms. The school development site being in close proximity to the existing settlement has the potential for well developed pedestrian and cycle (shared) links connecting onto a wider permeable network. Road safety will be a priority and measures needed to discourage vehicle trips during the school travel times and indiscriminate parking behaviour associated

with the drop-off of children will be deployed. Wider measures will also be needed to support, facilitate and encourage active travel, linked with safer routes to school. Consideration of improvements in the wider catchment area to remove barriers to cycling and walking will be considered and developed accordingly.