

Primary 3 4v4 Centre

Background

The Primary 3 4v4 centre is the entry point to school football in Edinburgh and is the base of the pathway comprising of:

Year Group	September > December	February > May
P3		4v4
P4	4v4	7v7
P5	7v7	7v7
P6	7v7	7v7
P7	7v7	7v7

Pupils play 4 a-side football at a central venue (Forrester / St Augustine’s High School) until the second half of Primary 4. Thereafter, pupils transition to 7 a-side and play home & away against other schools. In neither format are scores kept and all matches are trophy-free.

The aim of the Primary 3 4v4 Centre is for boys and girls to develop a love for football in a relaxed, empowering and enjoyable environment, free from pressure and/or fear of failure. The ethos of the programme is very much to *let the kids play*. We hope these values can be promoted by all who attend the centre and by those adults who are responsible for the well-being of the children.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How do I sign up?

A. A registration form must be completed and returned to prior to the deadline stated on the form. Registration forms can be accessed through contacting Jack Beesley or from your school Headteacher, Business Manager or Administration Staff.

Q. Can both boys and girls play?

A. Absolutely! The programme is open to any boy or girl who wishes to attend, provided they are enrolled in Primary 3 during the time the centre runs.

Q. How much does it cost to play?

A. Nothing – it's free. What's more, our staff will provide all equipment including goals and footballs.

Q. Does it have to be the same players every week?

A. No, anyone from your school year group can attend. If boys/girls wish to get involved part-way through the programme then just bring them down. Equally if anyone decides they no longer wish to attend then no problem. Just bear in mind that if you have more than 4 players you will need to use substitutes, unless you wish to enter another team which will be subject to spaces being available.

Q. What do we do if we miss the deadline?

A. If you miss the deadline but still wish to enter, please contact Jack.Beesley@ea.edin.sch.uk to enquire if there are spaces remaining. If there are, you will be asked to complete a form and upon confirmation of receipt will be welcome to come down and participate. If there are no spaces, you will be asked to complete a form and be added to the waiting list in case anyone withdraws. You will be notified via email if a space becomes available.

Q. What do we do if we can no longer attend?

A. Please notify Jack.Beesley@ea.edin.sch.uk as soon as possible stating your school name, team name and time slot so that spaces can be offered to schools on the waiting list.

Q. Do we need strips?

A. If the school has strips the great, bring them down. If not, players can wear anything which helps them identify who they are playing with. If all else fails, we can provide a limited number of bibs.

Q. How many matches are played?

A. Teams will rotate round and play 5 x 10-minute matches per week. That means 50 matches in total across the 10 weeks! These may involve some against other schools and/or against other teams from the same school. Remember, scores are not important.

Q. Who looks after the pupils?

A. City of Edinburgh Council staff will be on-hand to manage the centre but will not be responsible for looking after the pupils. This responsibility lies with the adult leaders who accompany the pupils, and those listed on the initial registration form.

Q. Will photographs be taken?

A. Photographs may be taken for promotional, marketing and/or social media purposes. If there is a child in your care who cannot be photographed, you must notify Jack.Beesley@ea.edin.sch.uk prior to them attending.

We hope you and your pupils enjoy the Primary 3 4v4 Centre and we look forward to providing a fun and enjoyable start to your football journey.