## Police thank volunteers in search for missing Mikaeel

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Police in Edinburgh have thanked the public for their overwhelming support and assistance during today's search activity to trace three-year-old Mikaeel Kular.

Over 200 local residents came out to participate in the extensive police search operation throughout the Drylaw area.

Officers will continue with this activity during the night.

Further searches will continue tomorrow (Saturday) and any volunteers wishing to assist are asked to attend at the West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre in West Pilton Grove at 10am.

Any members of the public coming along are reminded to dress for the conditions and ensure they have appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear.

To ensure the safety of all civilian search members, it is requested that only those over the age of 18 attend.

Specialist search dogs will also be deployed and so it is asked that volunteers leave their own pets at home.