

Royal Mile Primary School raising funds for new playground



The Royal Mile Primary School is the only school left in the Old Town. It is a Category B listed building and a great example of what a Victorian built school looks like. The problem is the playground which is empty of anything to play on, and is made up of patchy asphalt.

Now the parents council hope to raise around £60,000 which would allow them to change the outside area for years to come.

The dream is that the current pupils and those yet to attend school might have a purpose built play area, and it is planned that the scheme will be built in phases, as and when the donations permit.

Dan Hertzfeldt and his partner Michelle Goring have a seven year-old daughter, Winona, who has been at The Royal Mile Primary School since nursery.

He is one of the parents behind the [Go Fund Me page](#) set up to raise the necessary funds for the proposed play area, and he explained the thinking behind it to The Edinburgh Reporter : “None of us came up with this idea really. Plans for improvements in the playground have been talked about off and on for years, but we on the parent council just put our heads together to see what we could do to help the school out. We then decided that the best way forward was to set up a crowdfunder. It is really a renewed effort to try and get a better playground for the school.

“Royal Mile Primary School is probably the smallest in the

city with a roll of less than 130 pupils including the nursery department, and this playground would be installed behind the school.

“The school has limited resources on its own. Even the parents on their own have limited resources, so crowdfunding seemed the way to reach another revenue stream.”

The parents council hope that you might be able to find even the smallest of donations to help them raise around £60,000 to build a playground with proper play equipment.

They have set up a GoFundMe page which you can access [here](#).