

Interviewee(s): Sarah Morgan (SM)	Interviewer(s): Pencaitland Primary School Pupil: Hamish
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Hamish: My name is Hamish, and this is the 9th of March, two thousand and twenty. And we are here at Pencaitland Primary School. Please introduce yourself.

SM: I – hello, I am Mrs Morgan.

Hamish: Can you tell us a bit about your life when you were a child, at school?

SM: Yes, I lived at Longniddry so before I went to school I went to playgroup in Longniddry, which was in the local church, and then I started in Primary One, and when I went to school I started in the February, not in August, it was a little bit different. And Ah stayed in Longniddry Primary *all* the way through to Primary Seven and then I went to Preston Lodge High School, in Prestonpans, and I was there for six years.

Hamish: Interesting. What about when you weren't at school?

SM: Oh, when I wasn't at school we played outside, so when I was growing up in Longniddry there was lots and lots of house building there. And so my friends and I used to go and play on the building sites where the new houses were being built. We – as I got a bit older we went to the beach a lot, and... we had lots of green spaces so we played outside and, mostly – lots of outside playing and street playing, outside.

Hamish: That sounds quite fun. How do you think children's lives are different now? Are they better, worst, or why do you think that?

SM: Gosh, I think they're different – they're definitely different and I think there are some aspects that're better, cos there... you're able to access information in a different way and, em... [sighs] have a experience of the wider world, and able to access that and – however, I think there are bits of it where we're not as active as, as a young population, and not spending as much time outside in a way that mebbe I did, but some o that's down to feeling safe.

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So. I think that's it.

Hamish: I definitely agree with that. Why did you choose to live in East Lothian? Did you ever live anywhere else?

SM: N- em, only when I was born, so I – I was born in Jedburgh and I lived there for a year, and then I moved with ma family for a year to Blantyre, but I moved to Longniddry when I was two. And... I have lived there ever since, I've had a little bit of time in Aberlady but still in East Lothian, and a little bit o time in Edinburgh as a student. So, I've been a bit, but not very far from East Lothian.

Hamish: OK. What's your job, and why do you enjoy... most about it?

SM: So I am the headteacher at Pencaitland and I have been a headteacher for three and a half years now and a teacher for a long time. And I love my job because I love being with children and making their experience the best it can be, and giving them the best learning opportunities that they *can*,

but I also like working with the families beyond that, and all the people that are in school, so. Lots and lots to love and enjoy about my job.

Hamish: Thanks very much. That is the end of our interview.

SM: Thank you, that wasn't too bad! There was – is there anything else that you want to go back and ask more about, or is that enough?

Hamish: I think you've gave us quite a lot of information. We'll have it all down on there and... then somewhere else.

SM: How exciting.

Hanish: So could we please take your picture?

SM: [chuckling] Of course!