

St Nicholas' Primary School



Welcome booklet

Foreword from Joint Council Leaders

Welcome to the new St Nicholas' Primary School!
A fantastic new denominational primary school for the children of Milngavie and Bearsden which brings together two school communities within a modern, fit-for-purpose and creative place of learning.

The facilities this school offers our children are first class - from flexible teaching areas, creative use of indoor and outdoor space to natural lighting, bright décor, modern fittings and furniture and high-tech equipment. With a design concept developed through close consultation with parents, pupils and teachers, the new building truly reflects the new school community it has been built to serve.

I am sure that it will take no time at all for the children and teachers to settle into their purpose built school and enjoy the many benefits it will bring. I wish everyone within the St Nicholas' Primary School community all the very best for the future.

Councillor Andrew Polson
Joint Leader of East Dunbartonshire Council



St Nicholas' Primary School has been delivered through East Dunbartonshire Council's Primary School Improvement Programme, a programme that has developed schools across the local authority to support the on-going implementation of Curriculum for Excellence. I am delighted the pupils of St Nicholas' Primary will now reap the benefits that this specially designed school will bring.

Thanks must go to the pupils, staff and parents for their support throughout the development of the new school. Your input has ensured that this school is not only fit for the challenges of modern education, but that it meets the needs of the community too. This is an exciting new chapter for everyone within the St Nicholas' family and I look forward to joining you all to mark the official opening of the building in the very near future.

Councillor Vaughan Moody
Joint Leader of East Dunbartonshire Council



Welcome from the Head Teacher

St Nicholas' Primary School will officially open its doors in August 2018 to welcome in our new school community. This individually designed school will provide a high quality learning environment which is purpose built to meet the demands of delivering Curriculum for Excellence. Through an extensive consultation process pupils, parents and staff contributed to developing a creative learning environment with flexible use of space, indoor and outdoor learning areas, individually designed performance areas, active play and sports areas and social spaces. With interactive whiteboards in each classroom and WiFi access throughout, high performance technology will support the implementation of our curriculum.

As a new school community, we will work in partnership with pupils, parents, staff and partners to establish our school's vision and aims built on our shared Gospel values. Through our nurturing Catholic ethos we will ensure children feel connected to, and take pride in, their new school community. Over the years we have worked to align our curriculum, develop shared learning and teaching approaches and provide opportunities for pupils to work together. This will ensure a smooth transition for our pupils and we will continue to provide support to ensure all of our pupils feel safe, happy and ready to learn.

As we have worked towards the opening of our new school, helping shape the design, selecting its name, designing a new uniform and badge, I have been very impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm displayed by pupils, staff and parents. This will provide a strong foundation for our new community of faith and learning. I would like to thank the Interim Parent Council for its invaluable contribution towards developing our new school and look forward to continuing to build effective partnerships with parents as we work together to support our children in the next steps of this exciting journey.

Charlotte Grogan
Head Teacher at St Nicholas' Primary School



School information

St Nicholas' Primary School will open to pupils on Thursday 16 August 2018

Contact details

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Primary school hours

AM session 9am -12:15pm and PM session 1pm -3pm.

Intervals

AM interval 10:30am – 10:45am and lunch 12:15pm – 1pm.

From 16 August 2018 there will be staggered intervals to maximise support for pupils. This arrangement will be reviewed with children, staff and parents/carers after the first few weeks.

Pupils in Primary 1 to Primary 3 will have their morning break from 10:20am – 10:35am. Pupils in Primary 4 to Primary 7 will have their break from 10:35am – 10:50am.

School Gates Times







The school gates will open from 8:30am – 9:05am, then again from 2:55pm – 3:30pm. Outside of these times, please report to the school office.

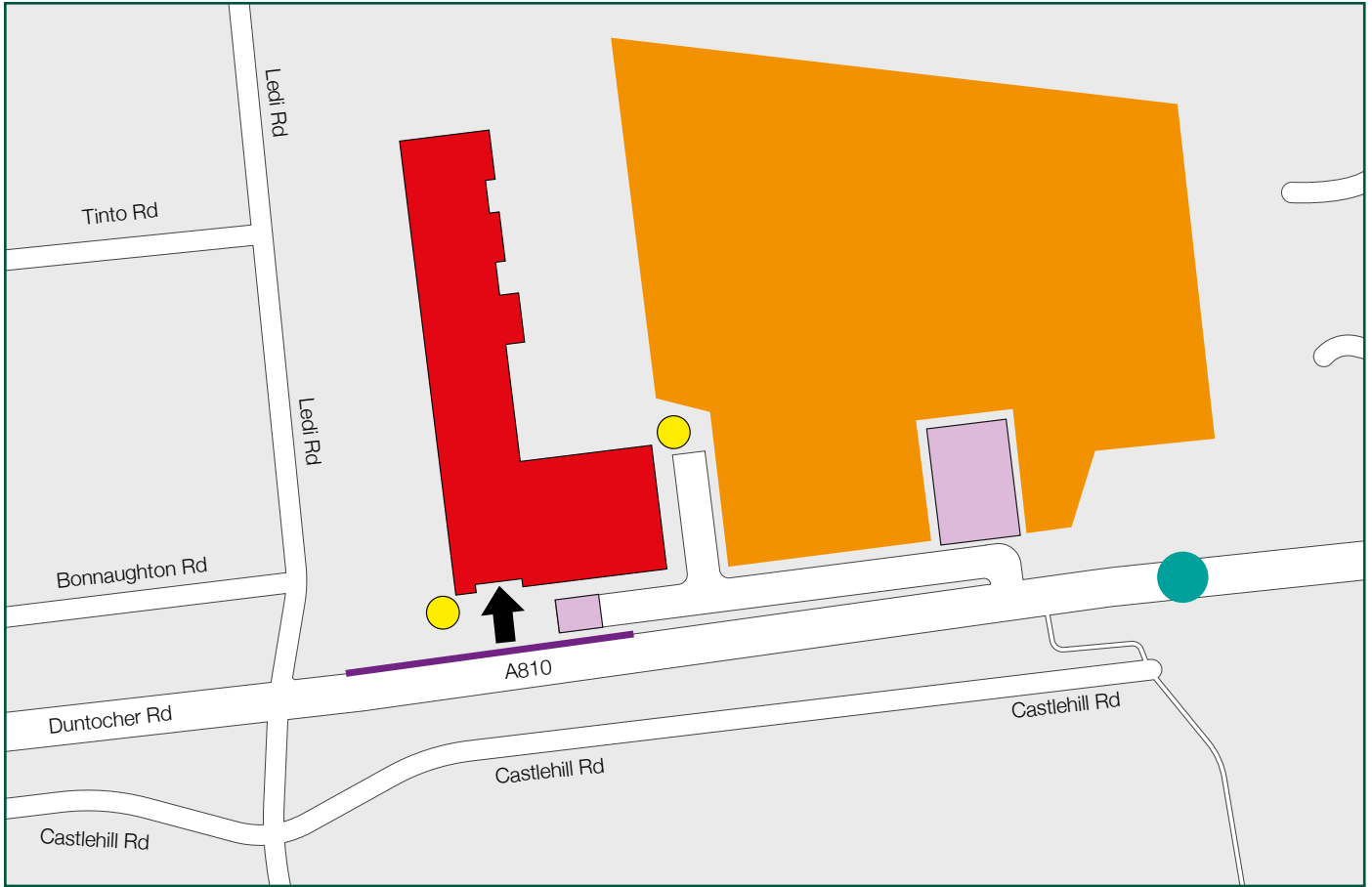
We ask that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds on the first day. The head teacher will arrange a date when parents/carers can come into the school once pupils have settled in.

How to access the school (August – January 2019)

During this time, contractors will continue to work on site to build the school's outdoor facilities. Contractors will access the site via Duntocher Road. Access times to the site are controlled within planning restrictions and ensure the safety of all pupils during the school day.

School entrance key

-  Bus drop off
 -  Pupil entrance gate
 -  School crossing patrol
 -  Main entrance
 -  Staff & disabled parking
 -  Construction site
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Getting to school

To ensure the safety of all school users when the new school opens, we would encourage all pupils and staff to walk and cycle to school where possible.

We are proud of the numbers of pupils in East Dunbartonshire who already walk and cycle to school and we hope we can help more families make that choice. Have a look at the map to give you an idea of how long it could take you and your children to walk to the new school. You might be surprised!

There will also be covered bicycle racks inside the school grounds and the school aims to start walking buses.








On the first day school staff will be on hand to provide directions.

We recognise that some people will still need to travel to school by car.

Parking on site will not be available for primary pupils and we would ask parents to consider parking away from the school and walking the remaining distance. This will also reduce congestion around the school grounds and make the area safer for everyone.

Please note, if you live more than one mile from the school you may be eligible for free school transport. For further information please contact Shared Services on 0300 123 4510 or visit the East Dunbartonshire Council website www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Key

-  5min walking distance
-  10min walking distance
-  15min walking distance
-  20min walking distance
-  School crossing patrol
-  St Nicholas' Primary School
-  Pedestrian crossing

Please note walking speeds may vary and distances are estimates.

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