

Burnbrae Early Update

23.1.20



In April 2020 our current Nursery children will move to Burnbrae Early shared campus with St Mary's. Our current Primary One will remain at Burnbrae Primary, our first P1 cohort will start at Burnbrae Early in August 2020.

The building is progressing well and I am in weekly contact with the appointed contractors McLaughlin and Harvey. Throughout the consultation, planning and building stages Burnbrae Primary has worked closely with staff from St Mary's Primary, Midlothian Council and Midlothian Early Years team to ensure an exciting and creative approach to learning for our youngest Burnbrae Learners.

Burnbrae Early has three Nursery rooms with capacity for 40 children in each room. Consistency for children is priority and I am working closely with the Nursery team to plan for children to move with staff they currently work with. The cabin children will all move into one room together and children in the main room will be split across the remaining two rooms. We will keep children with their keyworkers where possible. Children will have opportunities to play outdoors with their friends from all three rooms.

The Nursery team will continue to meet weekly to plan for a smooth transition for children and families. Opportunities will be planned to ensure all children and families have opportunities to visit the new site before it opens.

Full and part time places will continue to be mixed across the three rooms until June to allow children to remain with familiar adults. Children with full time places will continue to have lunch in Nursery and we are working on creating learning environments which feel familiar to our current setting.

Last week Mrs Alison and I met with Mrs Laird (Head Teacher at St Mary's) on the new site to discuss progress and next steps including start times for Primary One children from August. Nursery times will remain the same until June and we will consult with Burnbrae Parent Council to ensure the proposed times for Primary One allows families enough time to drop off and pick up on both sites. Over the next two weeks we are meeting to confirm the arrangements for safer routes to school and after school provision.

Please remember to check the school app and social media feeds for regular updates. If you have any questions about the new build please add them to the comments boxes in the Nursery or main office, I will post responses online. The final consultation report published in August 2017 is available on our school website and app.

Kind Regards
Kerry Knight
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Will children from all rooms and groups still interact outside?

Children from all rooms will have time to interact in the new courtyard and the main outdoor spaces. Pre-school children will have planned time together visiting the new Primary One learning spaces.

Dropping and picking up one child from new campus and another from current Burnbrae (and then getting to work on time)?

Will there be parking and drop off spaces at the new Nursery?

Will a full time space become available before the summer?

Will there be more full time spaces available?

What will the times be?

Are you still planning to do a walking bus between sites?

Can I see the diggers?