

Thomas Muir Primary School



Welcome booklet

Foreword from the Council Leader

When I joined pupils from Auchinairn Primary, Cleddens Early Learning & Childcare Centre and Woodhill Primary School in January 2016 to cut the first sod on the site of the new building, it was hard to envisage this fantastic new Thomas Muir Primary School.

Since then the two school communities have come together to create the fresh new identity of Thomas Muir Primary School, deciding first on the very fitting name of the school and then the design of the badge, tie and uniform. Over the past year the children have come together on a number of occasions in preparation for this new journey together.

I am sure children, parents and teachers will all be very impressed with the facilities the new school offers. Some of the highlights include flexible teaching areas, creative use of space, high-tech equipment, modern fittings and furniture, natural lighting and bright décor.

I am immensely proud to be Leader of a Council that has now delivered four excellent new primary school buildings and continues to drive forward with a primary school improvement programme across the school estate. Once everyone settles in, it is wonderful to see pupils enjoying their new surroundings and facilities and I am delighted that the pupils of Thomas Muir will reap the same benefits experienced by pupils in our new schools in Kirkintilloch and Lenzie.

I would like to convey my appreciation for the patience shown by local residents, parents, pupils and staff during the construction phase and to thank them for their support. I wish everyone in the Thomas Muir Primary School and Cleddens Early Learning & Childcare Centre community the very best for the future as they start this exciting new chapter in their education and lives.



Councillor Rhondda Geekie
Leader of East Dunbartonshire Council



Welcome from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you. I am really looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that we all have a successful transition to Thomas Muir Primary School over the coming months, and that we continue to work together to create an excellent school for our young learners in the future.

Our new school will offer the highest quality indoor and outdoor learning and teaching environments, supported by cutting edge technology and flexible learning spaces to suit the learning styles and needs of all children.

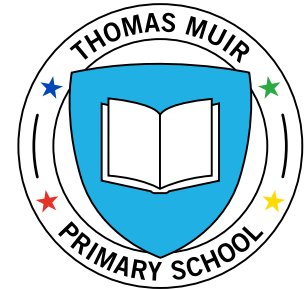
We will work together to create our school vision, values and aims and a curriculum rationale to tell the story of what learning and teaching will look like at Thomas Muir. We will create a welcoming, nurturing ethos for children and families, based on teamwork and positive relationships.

Our children will be at the centre of everything we do; they will have opportunities to shape and lead many aspects of the life and work of the school.

I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that we build and create the best possible learning experiences for the children and families of Thomas Muir Primary.

Kind regards

Annamarie McIntosh
Head Teacher at Thomas Muir Primary School



School information

Thomas Muir Primary School will open to pupils on Friday 21 April 2017.

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 21 April 2017, 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 8:00am – 9:05am then again from 2:55pm – 3:30pm. Outside of these times, please report to the school office.

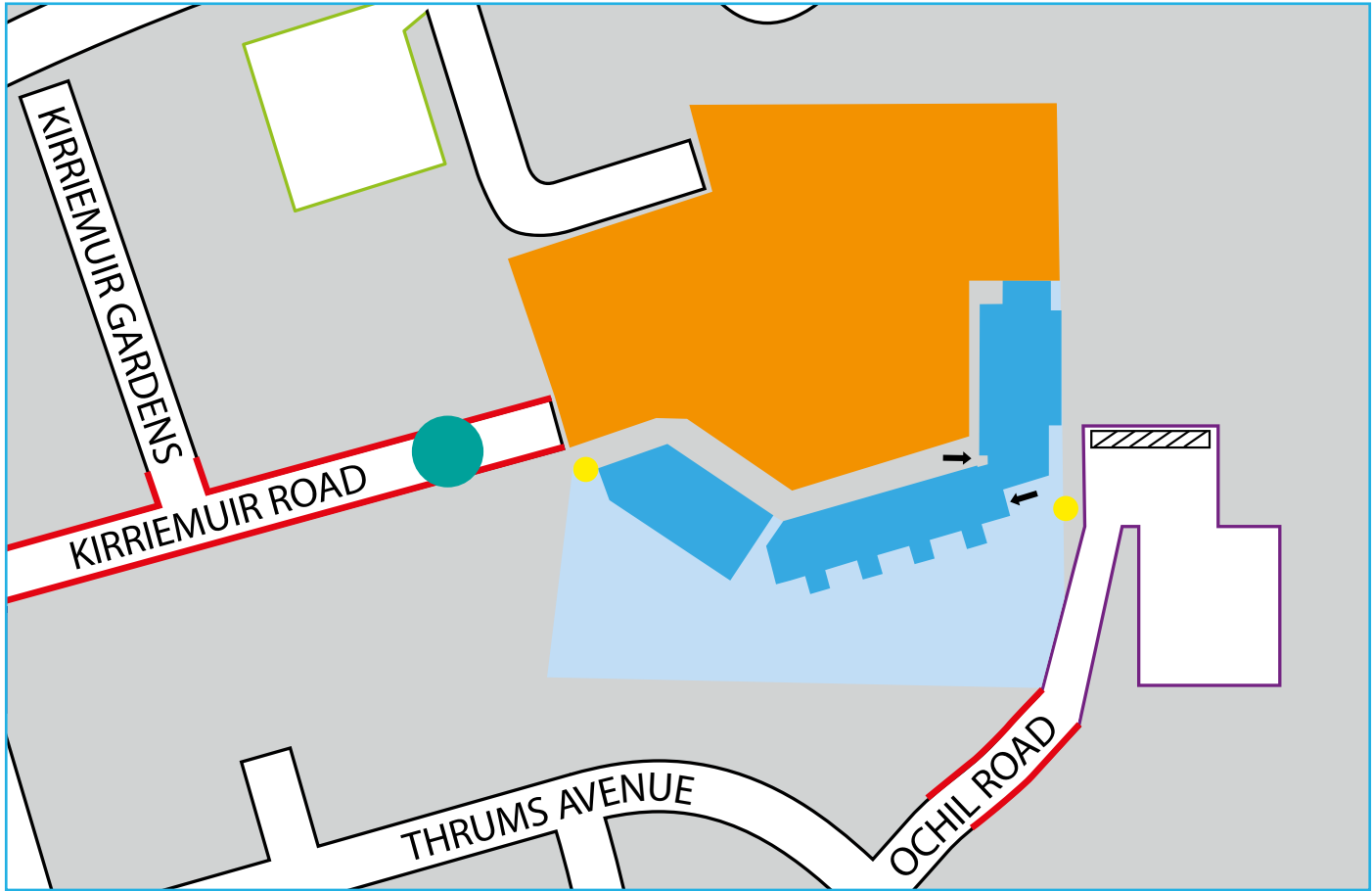
We ask that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds on the first day. The head teacher will arrange a date when parents/carers can come into the school once pupils have settled in.

How to access the school (April – September 2017)

During this time, contractors will continue to work on site to build the school's outdoor facilities. This will require temporary access routes into the school. There are two pedestrian entrances to the school – one at Kirriemuir Road and one at Ochil Drive. School buses will drop off at Ochil Drive.

School entrance key

-  Parking restrictions
 -  Bus drop off, staff carpark and nursery drop off only
 -  St. Dominic's Church temporary drop off area
 -  Pupil entrance gate
 -  School crossing patrol
 -  Main entrance
 -  Construction site – existing school
 -  Bus drop off area
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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.

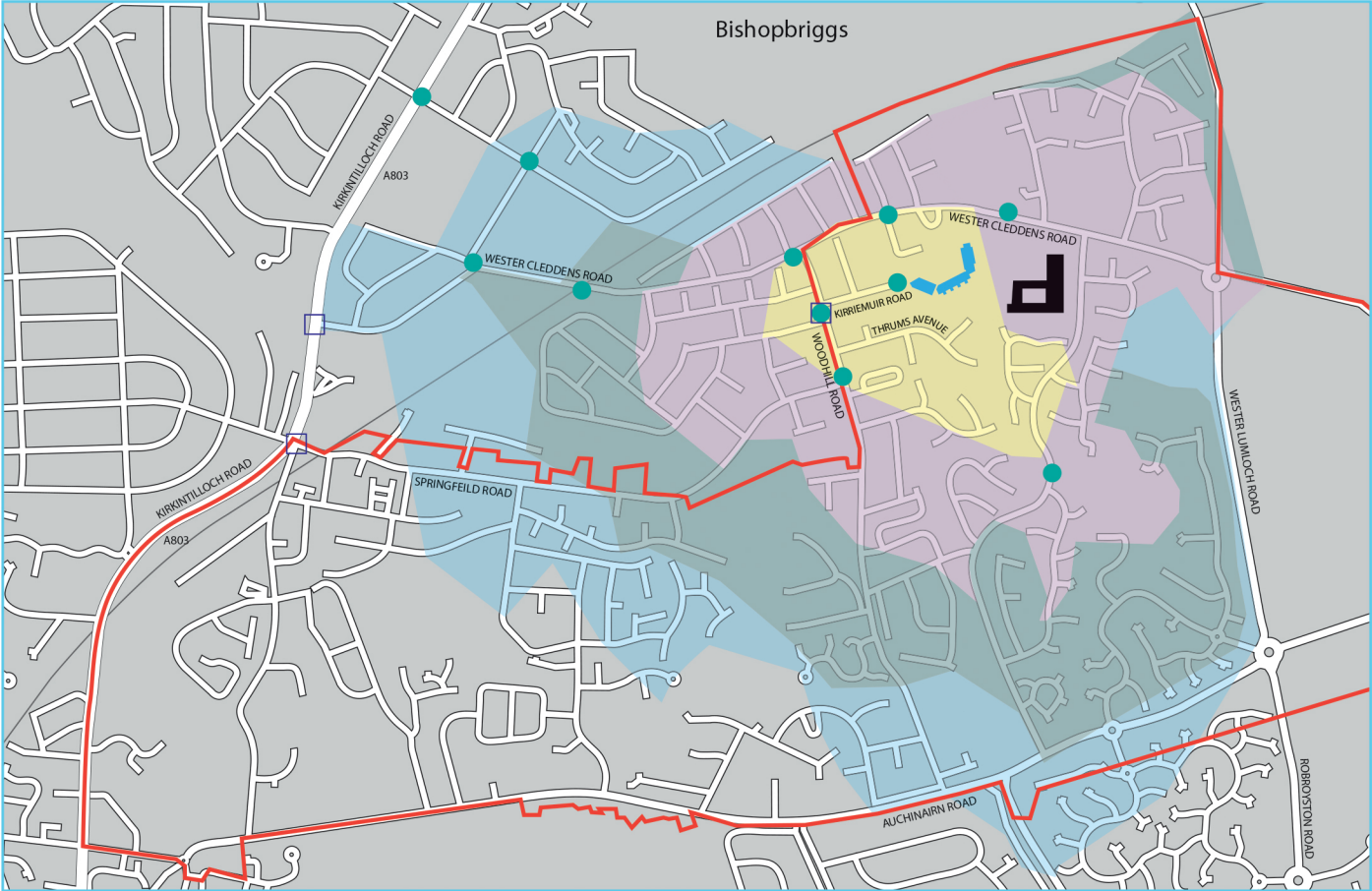
Please note, if you live more than one mile from the school, you may be eligible for free school transport. For further information please contact Shared Services on 0300 123 4510 or visit the East Dunbartonshire Council website www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Key

-  5min walking distance
-  10min walking distance
-  15min walking distance
-  20min walking distance
-  School crossing patrol
-  Thomas Muir Primary School
-  Catchment boundary
-  Pedestrian crossing

Please note walking speeds may vary and distances are estimates.

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Travelling by car

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











To ensure everyone's safety, there will be parking restrictions in place in the surrounding area. Please see map for an overview of proposed traffic restrictions.

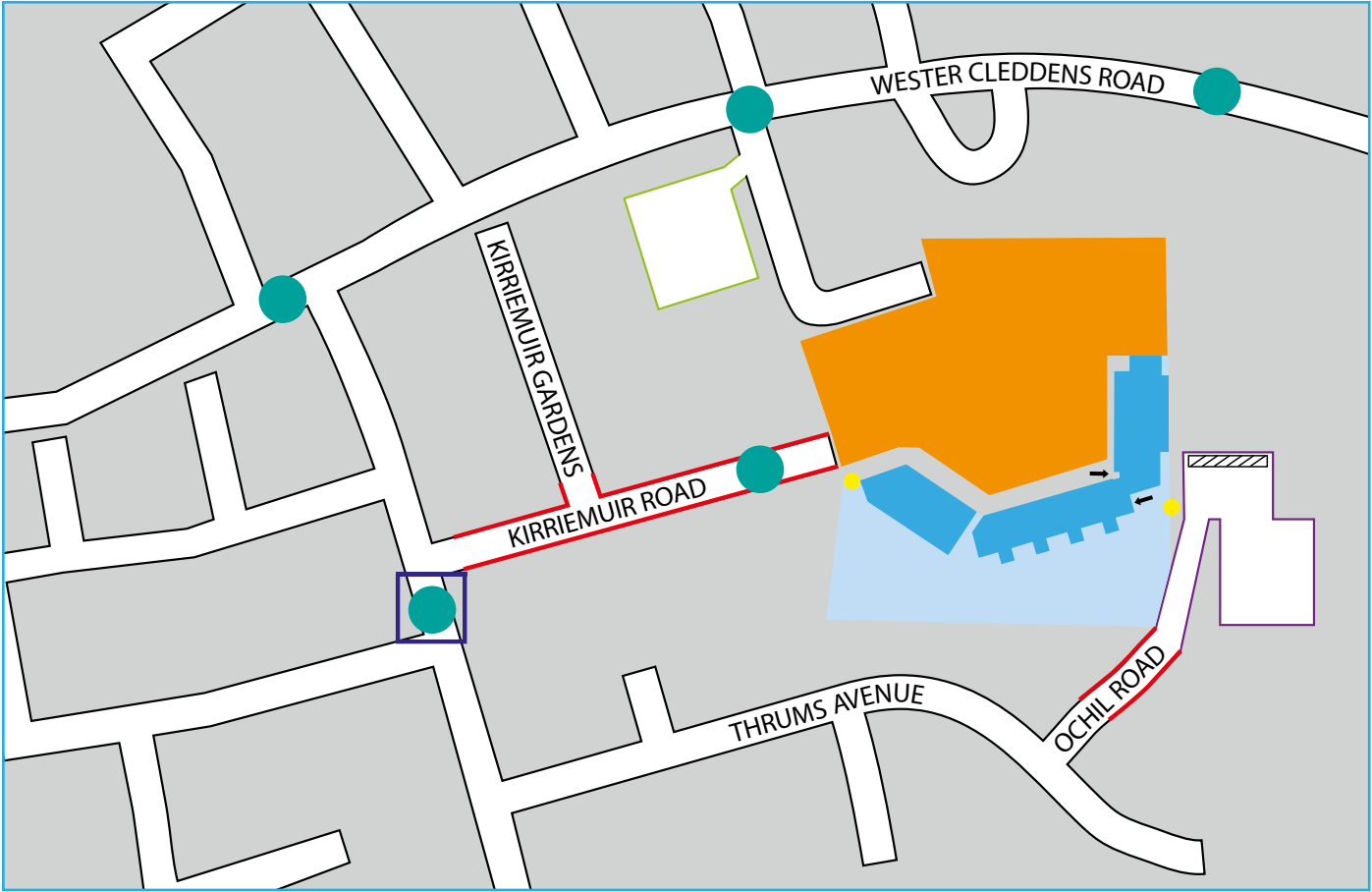
Parking on site will not be available for primary pupils and we would ask parents to consider parking away from the school and walking the remaining distance. This will also reduce congestion around the school grounds and make the area safer for everyone.

The school car park gates will close at 8.40am – 9.10am and 2.40pm – 3.20 pm.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that drop off facilities are available at St Dominic's Church.

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Cashless catering

A cashless catering system will operate at Thomas Muir Primary School. This means that each child will have an account with the Council which they can use for lunch and snacks without needing to carry money. Pupils will choose their meals at the beginning of the day using the interactive screen in their classroom.

All parents and carers will receive a separate letter from the school with details of how to use the cashless catering system and their child's unique account details.



How it works

During registration, pupils will be asked one by one to select their picture from the LCD smart board within their class. Once they have selected their own picture from the white board, the lunch options will appear from the day's menu. The pupil will then select which meal they would like at lunchtime. This choice will be sent to the kitchen and will be prepared in time for the pupils' lunch break.

The selected items are entered into the system and the amount spent is deducted from the pupil's account. Payments can be made by you in one of two ways:

- > Online via the Council online payment system at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk (you will receive a letter with your child's unique number)
 - > By cheque or cash. This should be placed in an envelope with the pupil's name, class number and amount clearly printed on the front of the envelope.
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Please note

- Cheques should be made payable to East Dunbartonshire Council and the pupil's name and class written on the back
 - Payment made before midnight will be credited to your child's cashless catering account the following morning (school days only)
 - Payment can be for any amount – e.g. weekly, monthly or rounded lump sums for the term
 - Pupils entitled and approved to be in receipt of free meals will have the appropriate amount allocated to their accounts for use each lunchtime and daily credits are automatically deleted each day if not used.
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