

Canaan Lane Primary



School Travel Plan

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Introduction

A new 2 stream primary school for up to 420 pupils plus a nursery for up to 80 is being built on Canaan Lane, Morningside to reduce the pressure on the nearby South Morningside, Bruntsfield and James Gillespie's Primary Schools.

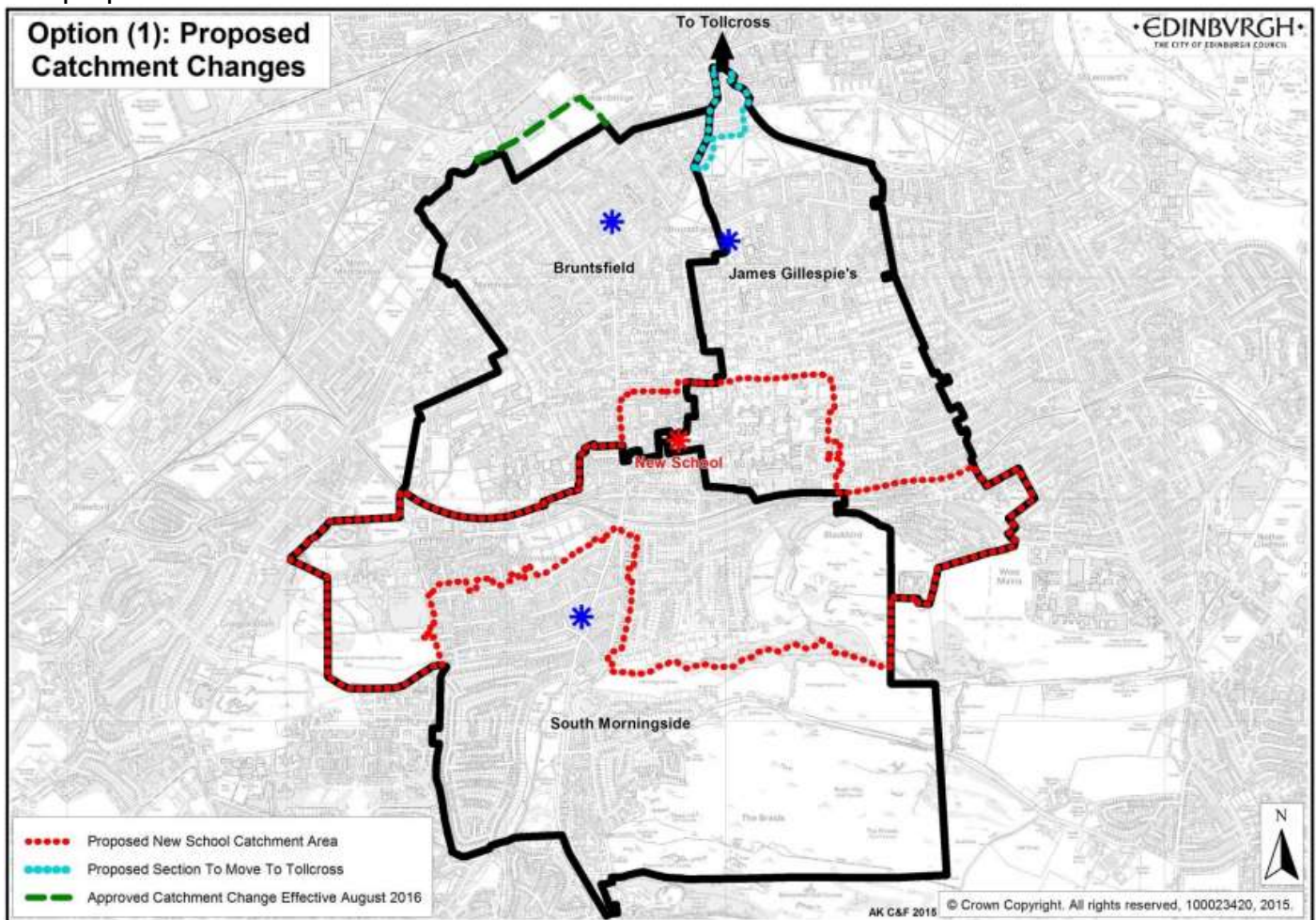
Staff numbers are expected to be around 55 with:

Teaching staff – 49 full time equivalent

Support Staff – 6 full time equivalent (Business Manager, 1 Facilities Assistant, 2 Pupil Support Assistants and 2 clerical staff)

School Catchment

The proposed school catchment area is shown in red below:



The catchment change will reduce the distances learners and their carers will have to travel making it easier for the journeys to be completed by foot, scooter and bicycle in the area. The furthest point from the school within the catchment will be 1.5 miles at Rankin Drive, a 29 minute walk, an 8 minute cycle or a 16 minute bus journey (including the walk to and from bus stops). Currently South Morningside Primary is split across three sites: the nursery is at Fairmilehead, the annexe for P1 and 2 is at Dean Bank House (to be refurbished and amalgamated into Canaan Lane Primary), and the other years being in the Comiston Road site. This means some parents and carers are having to drop off and pick up children at 3 sites. With the nursery over 2 miles distant from the annexe, many are currently tempted to drive.

The creation of the new Canaan Lane School will free up space at South Morningside Primary to allow all years from nursery to P7 to be accommodated at the Comiston Road site. This will hopefully help to reduce the number of car journeys in the area.

Accesses



The

new school is planned to have four access points:

A one way vehicle access to the west of the new building for deliveries and refuse uplift, a pedestrian access to the south onto Canaan Lane, one to the east onto the path to Falcon Road adjacent to St. Peter's Primary School and another to the north to link to the aforementioned path via one at the south of the childrens' playground.

The entire site will be DDA compliant.

There will be no on site parking. With the expectation that learners, carers and staff will need to travel on foot, by bike or public transport (which is plentiful – see appendix) or park outwith the controlled parking zone (south of Cluny Gardens) and walk from there. Those with a disability entitled to a blue badge should be able to access St. Peter's car park.

Recommendations

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<p>Ensure facilities are included to aid active travel</p> <p>These should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well signed separate covered cycle and scooter parking areas for pupils and visitors and lockable cycle parking for staff. These should be accessible by wide, well-graded and lit step free access Covered buggy parking adjacent to the nursery entrance Separate, well ventilated pupil and staff cloakrooms with sufficient coat racks to hang wet clothes 	Architects/developers	Prior to school opening

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of on site car parking should be highlighted to all staff applying for jobs at the new school in a positive light to show sustainability is at the heart of the new school. • Prioritise any use of St. Peter's car park for peripatetic staff and services who need to bring large or awkward loads not easily carried by bus or bike. • Inform prospective parents that the school is inaccessible by vehicle. Canaan Lane is very narrow and lacking in parking for all except residents. Falcon Road, Falcon Avenue and Falcon Gardens are all within St. Peter's School Streets zone in which only residents and blue badge holders are permitted to drive at the beginning and end of the school day. • It would be advisable to contact Waitrose to see if they will extend their current arrangement with St. Peter's to Canaan Lane Primary to allow parents to park for up to an hour at the beginning and end of the school day in their car park without the need to make a purchase. 	School	Prior to school opening
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote cycling and walking – organising walk and cycle to school promotions such as free breakfast for everyone using active travel modes for at least the last 400m at the school end of their journey and free Dr Bike check and repair sessions • Promote the council's bike to work scheme, sources of 2nd hand bikes and CEC's cycle maps and the fact CEC staff can claim business cycle mileage of 25p per mile • Promote public transport use: www.travelscotland.com journey planner and www.mybustracker.co.uk to find when the next buses are due as well as the fact that staff can get free bus tickets and claim back fares for trips on council business. • Promote use of Enterprise Car Club where a vehicle is required – CEC are members. The nearest sites are shown in green on the transport map in the appendix. • Car share, preferably by making arrangement between themselves. To look for options beyond the school, they can also sign up for free to https://edinburgh.liftshare.com. People cycling, walking or using public transport can also use it to set up journey sharing. 	School	During first year after opening
<p>Ensure travel is made sustainable by further developing the travel plan by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a group of pupils, staff, CEC Road Safety and Active Travel liaison Officer and other interested parties e.g. Community Police, Active Schools Co-ordinator. 	School / Road Safety and Active Travel Liaison Officer	Within a year of school opening

Monitoring and evaluation

- The school is required to participate in the national school travel survey each year in the second week of September.
- Pupils and staff should be resurveyed 6 months after moving to the new school.
- The travel plan should be reviewed with pupil and staff input after the surveys have been analysed.

This map from the City of Edinburgh Council Atlas shows the location of:
Cycle routes in **red**, Pedestrian paths in **purple**, Bus routes in **maroon**,
Just Eat Bike Share Stations in **orange**, Car club spaces in **green**, Disabled bays in **turquoise**,
Pay and display car parking spaces in **blue** and **brown**.

Walking: to find a walking route try www.walkit.com

Cycling

The new school links directly onto a cycle lane on Canaan Lane with good quiet links in all directions, including to the canal towpath, southside and Meadows. This could make cycling an attractive option.

To plan a point to point bike journey go to www.cyclestreets.net also available as an App for IOS and Android.

There are a wide variety of free maps available detailing off-road and quiet routes to the school and around the area. www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cycling-walking contains a set of eight maps covering North, North West, North East, South, South West, South East, West Edinburgh and Rosslyn Chapel Way as well as suggestions of interesting places to go and a further Guidance leaflet with information on road safety, cycle training and choosing and maintaining a bicycle. The new school will be on the South sheet.

All of the above leaflets may be ordered from Clarence on 0800 23 23 23 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday or by emailing Clarence@edinburgh.gov.uk with your name, address and maps you require.

Spokes, the Lothian Cycle Campaign produce excellent cycle maps of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian and Glasgow at £6.95. They are available from book shops, cycle shops and tourist information centres, online from www.spokes.org.uk or by post from:

SPOKES, St. Martin's Church, 232 Dalry Road, Edinburgh EH11 2JG.

Discounts are offered for bulk orders.

Public Transport

The nearest bus stops are on **Morningside Road**, a 4 minute walk from the school.

These are served by:

5 – Hunter’s Tryst to The Jewel via Oxfangs Avenue, Grange Road, The Bridges, London Road, Mountcastle Grove, Durham Terrace and Magdalene Drive **every 15 minutes**

11 – Hyvots Bank to Ocean Terminal via Captain’s Road, Frogston Road, Comiston Road, Morningside Road, Lothian Road, Princes Street, George Street, Newhaven Road and Lindsey Road **every 10 mins**

15 – Easter Bush to Waterloo Place via Hillend, Comiston Road, Morningside Road, Lothian Road and Princes Street **every 30 mins**

16 - Colinton to Silverknowes via Redford Road, Oxfangs Avenue, Morningside Road, Princes Street, York Place, Leith Walk, Commercial Street, Newhaven and Granton **every 10 mins**

23 – Greenbank to Trinity via Morningside Grove, Balcarres Street, Morningside Road, Lauriston Place, The Mound and Inverleith Row **every 12 mins**

Stagecoach 101 – Edinburgh St. Andrew Square Bus Station to Biggar (hourly) and Dumfries (4 times daily) via Morningside Road, Flotterstone, Penicuik, Nine Mile Burn, Carlops, West Linton, Biggar, Abington and Moffat.

From Cluny Gardens – 7 minute walk from the school

38 – Royal Infirmary to West Granton via Old Dalkeith Road, Cameron Toll, West Mains Road, Myreside Road, Ashley Place, Gorgie Road, Saughton Park, Western Corner, Ravelston Dykes, Craigleith Retail Park, Western General Hospital and Crewe Road North **every 20 minutes**

Full timetables are on www.lothianbuses.com or ring 0131 555 6363.

For real time bus info see www.mybustracker.co.uk

To plan a point to point journey, click on www.travelinescotland.com or ring 0870 6082608.

Mobile apps are available for all the above.

Parking

To find parking spaces, see <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parking-spaces/find-parking-bays/1>

Parking in the area is chargeable Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm at £2.40 per hour with a maximum stay of 9 hours. The controlled parking zone ends at the south suburban railway, so it may be possible to find spaces south of here. Those doing so should be mindful of residents and pedestrians need for a view of oncoming traffic at accesses and crossing points.