

Lochnorris Primary School



Dear Families of Barshare and Greenmill PS

Following the recent communications from the Head of Education and with the move to Lochnorris getting ever closer, I thought it would be helpful for you to have some further information.

As you know, due to current restrictions we have been unable to mark the end of Barshare and Greenmill in the way we would have liked. I understand that this will be a time of mixed emotions for many members of our school and wider community but am confident that you will be impressed by our wonderful new campus and the fantastic opportunities which will be available for our young people. Please be assured that we will celebrate the legacy of Barshare and Greenmill when we are able to do so properly.

Exceptional Closure Days

Please remember that both Barshare and Greenmill will close on Wednesday 11th November. We will then have 4 exceptional closure days - Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November to pack and unpack. **Lochnorris will open its doors on Wednesday 18th November.**

Timings of the School Day

Please remember that the timings of the school day will change as previously advised and are as follows:

8.55	Morning Bell
10.35 – 10.50	Interval
12.30 – 1.10	Lunch
2.50	Home Time

Staggered Start – Day 1

Please note that we intend to stagger the start times on **the first day only**. This is to limit the amount of parents and young people congregating and to ensure the safety of our children. We understand that it may be inconvenient due to work commitments to drop off children from the same family at different times. On the day, please speak to a member of staff and we will, of course, accommodate an earlier drop off.

Day 1 Start times		
8.55	P7G	P6M
	P7T	P6T
	P7S	P5/6
9.15	P3L	P4R
	P3C	P5B
	P3/4	P5D
	P4H	
9.35	P1K	P2S
	P1H	P2T
	P1L	P2/3

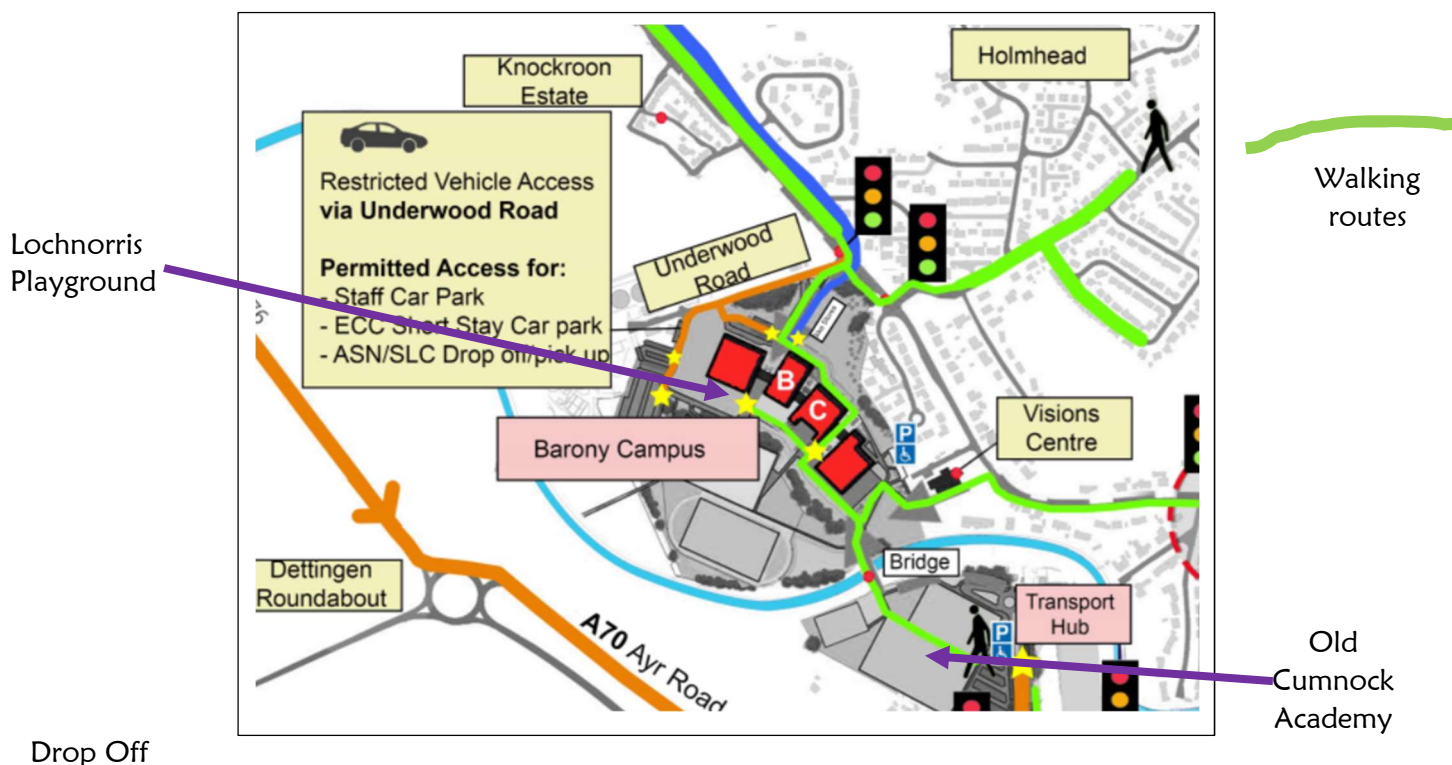
Travel to and from School

Pedestrians can access the school via a variety of routes, making use of the safer crossing places available. Lochnorris pupils arriving at the front of the school should access their playground by walking to the left of the main entrance, passing the Sports Village, going round to the back.

Cyclists can use a variety of routes, making use of the cycle paths and safer crossing places available. Cyclists should always give way to pedestrians especially on the bridge from the Ayr Road car park. See map for cycle routes and bike storage.

Drop off/pick up for cars is at Ayr Road car park (This is the site of the old Cumnock Academy). To ensure that our pupils can access the campus safely, the last bus will leave the Campus by approximately 8.30am so please do not arrive any earlier than this. There is a safe walking route across the widened bridge to the back of the building and staff will be on hand to show children where to go.

There is no drop off/pick up area at Underwood Road and no opportunity to turn. Parking restrictions will be strictly enforced and barriers will prevent access to this car park. Accessible parking spaces are available in the car parks off Auchinleck Rd, Ayr Road and to the rear of Visions Leisure Centre, use will be by prior agreement. Please see the map below for clarification.



Drop Off

Unfortunately, **parents will not be able to enter the building or the playground** due to current restrictions. There will be many members of staff to show children which area of the playground their 'bubble' will be in and where to line up. Parents will be able to wait at the other side of the fence if they wish to do so. Please do not arrive any earlier than 8.40am as there will be no playground supervision before this point.

Pick Up

If you intend to collect your child(ren) from school, please ensure that they know where to meet you. To avoid congestion, if you are driving and depending on your child's age, the best place to meet will be across the bridge in the new park and stride car park at the Cumnock Academy site. Alternatively, if you are walking or you wish to collect your child(ren) from the playground, there is an area outside of our playground fence where you can wait. Please remember that all parents dropping off and picking children up should wear face coverings.

Interval and Lunch

Lunches will still be served in children's classroom or in open areas. Pupils will be allocated a social bubble for outside play and our playground will be divided up to accommodate this.

PE

More information will come out about the delivery of PE in the coming days, however, please note that this will not take place in the first three days.

Communication

Please make sure you have downloaded the Lochnorris School App, follow us on twitter and that you access the new Lochnorris Glow Blog.

We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation at this time, this is such an exciting time for us all entering our new home on the Barony Campus. Notwithstanding this, there may be issues which we are not yet aware of but we will endeavour to work with you to make the transition to Lochnorris a smooth one for all of our young people. Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Kind Regards

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