

New South Edinburgh Primary School (Canaan Lane) Building and Transition Timeline

It is expected that the new catchment arrangements for P1 intakes will apply from November 2020. These will therefore apply to those children due to start P1 in August 2021.

You are only guaranteed a P1 place in a primary school if you live in the catchment area. If you live outside the catchment area you need to make a [placing request](#) and will only receive a place if one is available.

There will be no mandatory transfer for pupils already attending another primary school. If a child who is at an existing primary school wants to transfer to an upper stage class within the new primary school when it opens in August 2021 there will be an opportunity to make a request in November 2020. Where interest and accommodation availability allows, upper stage classes will be formed at the new school in August 2021. Depending on the number of children who want to move to the new school, there may be a requirement to form composite classes (classes with two or more years of pupils at the same time).

Summary Timeline

The following table sets out the key events and milestones in the construction and transition to the new primary school in south Edinburgh:

June 2018	Public Information Event.
January 2019	Planning Application submitted; Begin New School name consultation.
Spring 2019	Oaklands Care Home demolished.
May 2019	Report New School name to Education, Children and Families Committee.
Summer 2019	Construction of New School Building begins.
August 2020	New School Building on Oaklands site completed; South Morningside PS classes temporarily move to New School Building; Refurbishment of Deanbank House begins; New School Nursery opens on ground floor of new building, nursery at Fairmilehead closed.
November 2020	P1 Enrolment for August 2021 based on new catchment areas; Formation of new upper stage classes at New School for August 2021 (where interest and accommodation availability allows).
January 2021	Appoint Head Teacher for New School; Form Parent Council for New School.
August 2021	New School opens; South Morningside PS classes return to Deanbank House.
August 2022+	School organisations and accommodation utilised subject to monitoring and dependent on number of transfers from existing schools to New School.