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Dear Parent or Guardian,

New South Edinburgh Primary School (Canaan Lane) - Update

The Council has been progressing with plans to open a new primary school on Canaan Lane. The catchment area for the new school will cover parts of the city currently within the catchment areas of South Morningside Primary School, James Gillespie's Primary School and Bruntsfield Primary School.

The aim has been to have it ready in time for a new P1 intake in August 2020, with the potential for older classes to be formed at the school from August 2021. Registration would have taken place in November 2019.

We are now proposing that the new primary school will open from August 2021, with registration in November 2020.

This will mean that P1 classes and any upper stage classes can both start in the new building at the same time in August 2021. There will be no mandatory transfer of pupils already attending another school. Current catchment arrangements will continue to apply for registrations in November 2019.

The reason for the new opening date is that, while it is possible that the new school building could be delivered for August 2020, there is no scope in the programme for any unexpected delays which may arise during the construction period.

We aim to deliver the Council's commitment to create a first class education estate in a way that will minimise any disruption to learning and teaching. If there was any delay to completing the new school building there is no obvious contingency plan for where the new P1 intake would go and last minute changes of locations for new P1 pupils would be very disruptive to the families involved. The new arrangements of opening the full school in August 2021 will give certainty to the families that are within the new school's catchment area.

In the time between completing the new building and the new school year starting in August 2021, some South Morningside Primary School classes will be relocated to the

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new building while Deanbank House on Canaan Lane is refurbished. South Morningside classes will then move back to Deanbank House in August 2021 until the school roll has reduced sufficiently to allow it to operate entirely from its main site.

The proposed catchment areas and a list of affected addresses, can be found on the Council's website: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/southedinburghschools.

We will continue to provide updates about the new primary school as the project progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C McGhie', written in a cursive style.

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