



Get Middlebeck moving

We're excited to share our latest community campaign, Active Middlebeck, in partnership with the national cycle charity Sustrans and our Community Engagement Officer Sim Duhra.

The initiative was launched at the beginning of the year to promote physical and mental wellbeing during lockdown, a time that was incredibly difficult for us all.

To help keep our minds and bodies healthy, and our community connected, we launched a handy digital calendar featuring a host of activities to get residents moving each day, whether it was within the home or outdoors.

Residents took part in all kind of small active actions, from squats and sit ups to walking, cycling and even scooting! And we were delighted with its success!

But the action doesn't need to stop there! We have a host of amazing outdoor spaces on our doorstep, including the National Cycle Network 64, so we want to help keep you active and exploring, all year round.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page where we'll be launching more Get Active initiatives throughout the summer, including Workout Wednesday coming soon!

Share your Get Active stories with us #ActiveMiddlebeck.

Green Light for Community Care Homes

We're delighted to share the news that we have agreed terms with the country's leading residential care home developers LNT Care Home Developments, to bring a 66-bed care home to Middlebeck.

Once a planning application is approved, work is expected to begin in Summer 2021 and is due to be delivered by the end of 2022.

For more information visit www.lntcaredevelopments.co.uk



A CGI of Middlebeck's care home



Meet Middlebeck's newest team member!

Here at Middlebeck, we have a dedicated team committed to helping our community grow. Kyle Smith joins as Middlebeck's new Communities, Communications & Partnerships lead...

"I'm so excited to be a part of the Middlebeck community. Since joining Urban&Civic at the beginning of the year I have seen our residents come together in challenging times. I look forward to marking the delivery of milestones such as Christ Church Primary School and more amazing spaces that we can be proud of. I hope that over the coming years, as new residents join, the identity of Middlebeck continues to strengthen. Hope to see you all soon!"

Kyle Smith
Communities, Communications & Partnerships lead



Room to grow

A new chapter for Christ Church Primary School

Work on the first phase of our new primary school, Christ Church CofE, is forging ahead and we will soon be ready to welcome our first pupils in September.

The purpose-built facility, which will see Newark's Christ Church CofE Primary School relocate to Middlebeck, will provide an inspirational learning environment for our youngest residents to grow and flourish.

It will boast seven classrooms, a library, a specialist nursery unit and a main hall and small hall, which will also host community groups and be used as a place of worship.

Pupils will also benefit from a professional catering kitchen and dining hall, as well as impressive sports areas and outdoor space.

Delivered in partnership with Middlebeck's master developer Urban&Civic and leading construction firm Lindum Group, the building itself will feature a stunning contemporary design. A sloping roof with floor to ceiling windows will create a bright and airy atmosphere throughout.

Designed to grow with our youngest residents, the Christ Church CofE Primary School plans will allow for expansion, with a further eleven classrooms due to be constructed on the eastern wing to enclose the courtyard in the future.

We're proud that our community's new addition will support Nottingham County Council by providing much-needed school places throughout the area.

The Christ Church CofE Primary School will initially take pupils up to Year 4 before

becoming a full primary school in 2023. Once complete, it will offer a total of 525 spaces for children in Middlebeck and the surrounding areas.

Located in the heart of the development along Bowbridge Lane and Hawton Lane, the school will join our growing hub, which is already home to an independent café, Gannets Middlebeck.

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Meet The Staff

Say Hello to our Headteacher!

Christ Church CofE Primary School will be led by its new Principal Alison Richardson, who was appointed in Autumn last year. Here, we get to know Mrs Richardson.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself – where are you from and how long have you had a career in education?

I'm originally from Oxford and qualified as a teacher over twenty years ago. The first school I worked at was a large new build in Oxfordshire with over 600 pupils. I relocated to Lincolnshire to work in a town-centre school of about 350; leading KS1 and then KS2. More recently I have been the Headteacher at The Primary School of St Mary & St Martin in Blyth, where I worked for over six years.

Q: Plans for the new building itself look very exciting! What kind of facilities and amenities can pupils expect from the new site?

The key feature of the new Christ Church CofE Primary School is the space that it will provide – both indoors and out. The building will offer a calm learning environment, with beautiful high ceilings and angled windows to create interest and fill the spaces with natural light.

All classrooms have direct access to the outside so that learning can take place both inside and out on the extensive school grounds. The central internal space will be a lovely open-plan library, with cosy-corners for children to read and relax.

Q: As a school, what is your aspiration and approach to learning? What kind of environment and educational opportunities will the school offer its pupils?



Mrs Alison Richardson
Headteacher

The Christ Church CofE Primary School motto is 'Learning & Growing Together in Faith, Hope & Love' and this underpins our school vision, aims and ethos.

Ultimately, our aim is to enable all our pupils to grow and flourish – we want our children to leave Christ Church CofE Primary School shining in all that they do!

Q: The school will be located in the heart of the Middlebeck neighbourhood. What makes Middlebeck such a fantastic location for the school?

Christ Church is proud of its long history within the centre of the town of Newark. Moving to Middlebeck will enable the Christ Church CofE Primary School to grow as the development grows around us, and we are looking forward to being at the heart of this new community.

Urban&Civic are creating a development which promotes outdoor living and active lifestyles, something that is also incredibly important to the Christ Church School community, and will provide opportunity for outdoor activities both on and off the Christ Church CofE Primary School site.

Q: What role does Middlebeck's master developer Urban&Civic have with the school? How will you continue to work together long after the build is complete and the school is up and running?

Urban&Civic have been working with the Governing Body and Diocese for a long-time on this project. It is clear that they want the school to be a state-of-the-art facility that will be central to the new community, and not just to the families who have children attending the school.

While Phase One of the Christ Church CofE Primary School build will be completed for September 2021, there are still two additional phases that are to be built in the future as the school capacity grows in line with the completion of new houses; so this is going to be a very long partnership. Once you become part of the Christ Church family, you are always part of it!

Q: The school will be delivered in partnership with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. What will they bring to the school community?

Our Christian foundations are extremely important to our school vision and ethos, and as a Church School we are fortunate to work with the Diocesan Education Team to provide the best academic provision for our children. This team bring a wealth of experience and passion for building truly inclusive school communities where children can flourish academically, personally and spiritually.

As a CofE school we welcome families from all faiths and from none; and we want our children to celebrate the diversity that can be found in the community.

Q: The school will welcome its first pupils in September. How many pupils are you expecting to welcome? How many places for pupils will the school offer once it's complete?

When it opens in September 2021, Christ Church CofE Primary School will initially accept pupils for Reception to Y4. In September 2022 we will also accept Y5 pupils, with Y6 pupils starting in September 2023.

We will also have a 52-place Nursery – which could mean we open with over 200 children on site!

Phase 2 of the school-build will see us move to a 2-form entry (60 pupils per year group), and the final building phase will see us reach 2.5-form entry, with a capacity for 525 pupils in addition to the Nursery places.

For more information visit www.christchurchprimarynewark.co.uk



Middlebeck's youngest residents have been busy designing beautiful banners to dress the fencing around their future Christ Church CofE Primary School while construction takes place.



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