

# DARNLEY PRIMARY



Ben, Kai and Mala are coming to Darnley Primary School and Visual Impairment Unit



They are looking forward to coming to the Visual Impairment Unit





# What happens when I get to school?

Some of you may come to school with your grown-up.



If you come to school by taxi, like Mala, a kind adult will look after you on the journey.



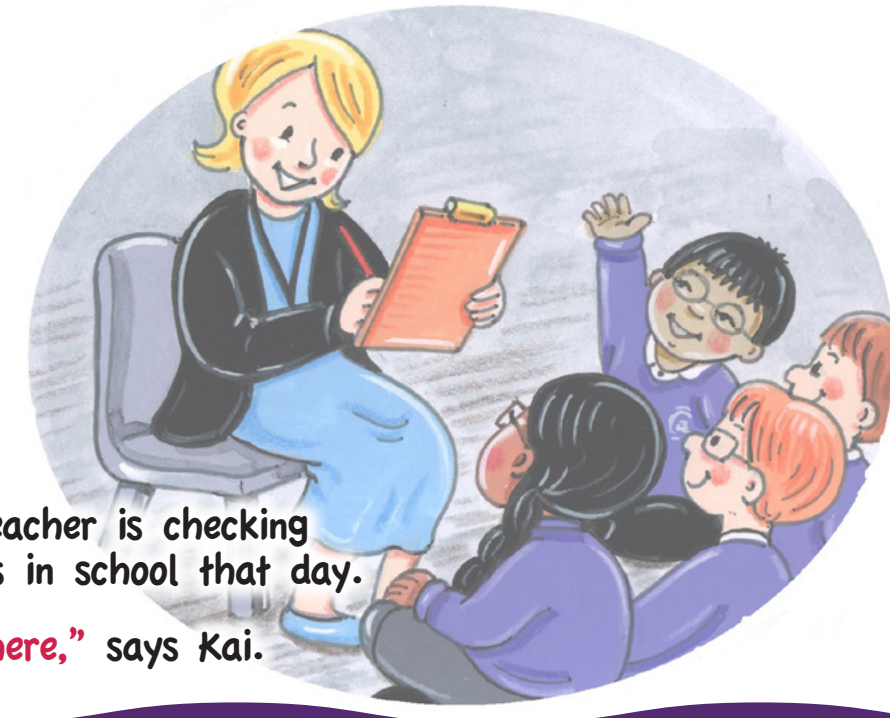
They will take you into the school office and an adult at the school will show you to the classroom.

"Hello, Ben," says the teacher.  
"We are going to have lots of fun today."



You will hang up your coat on your coat peg. Your peg will have raised dots so you can find it.

When you go into the classroom, you will wash your hands.



The teacher is checking who is in school that day.

"I'm here," says Kai.

When are you coming to school?



# What will I do at school?

We will help you to become as independent as possible, so the whole school is set up to help you. We have 'Trim Trails' on the walls which are a line of dots you can follow to help you find your way round the school.



You will spend time each day in the VI room and in your class and make friends in each classroom.

In the VI room, you will also learn how to do things such as making drinks by yourself. You will learn Braille and use equipment such as cameras and iPads. You can also play games such as boules which are adapted for you.

Kai is looking at a book on an iPad with his teacher.

"There are lots of brightly coloured pictures in this book," he says.

Ben is doing some number work on an iPad. The numbers are nice and large.

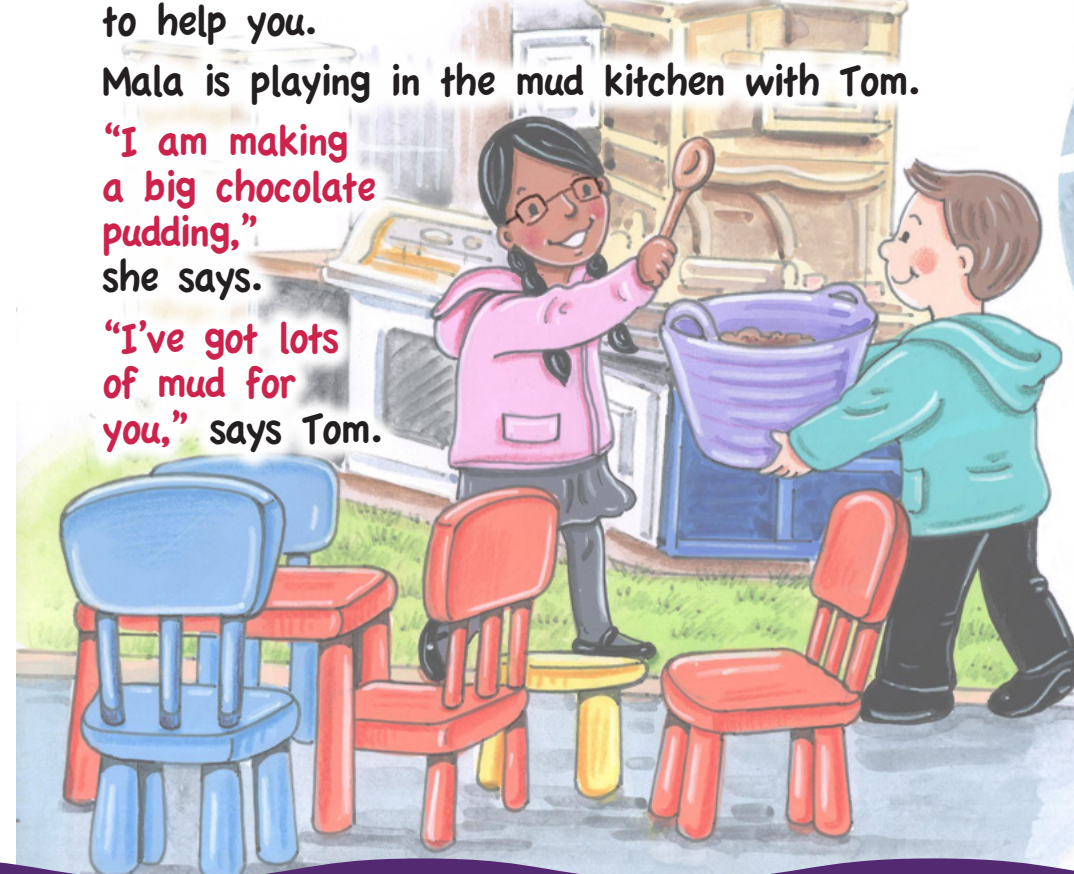


In your class, you will do the same activities as the rest of your class and use iPads and cameras to help you.

Mala is playing in the mud kitchen with Tom.

"I am making a big chocolate pudding," she says.

"I've got lots of mud for you," says Tom.



Kai is having fun riding on a trike.

"I love playing outside," he says.

What games do you like playing with your friends?



# What if I am hungry or thirsty?



You can use your water bottle whenever you are thirsty. In the morning, at playtime, you can eat a healthy snack from home.

Ben and Kai are having their snack outside. Ben has eaten his banana already.

**“What are you having?”** he asks Kai. **“I’m having an apple,”** Kai says. **“Listen to how crunchy it is.”**



At lunchtime, your teacher will take you to the hall for your meal. There are lots of lovely, kind adults there who will take care of you.



**“My lunch is brilliant,”** says Kai.

You will take your meal to your table, but an adult will help you collect your cutlery and find your chair by giving you directions.



What is your favourite meal?

# What happens when I need to go to the toilet?



You can use the toilet whenever you need to, but remember to tell your teacher when you go. You will use the toilet by yourself, but your teacher will help you find the toilets until you know your way around. You will follow the Trim Trail to get to the toilets.

Mala needed the toilet and she has followed the Trim Trail.

"Everything is just the right size for me," says Mala.  
"The toilets are so easy to use!"

She remembers to flush when she has finished and now she is washing her hands with warm water and soap.

"I am glad I practised using the toilet by myself," she says.  
"Now I don't need any help when I go."



Can you use the toilet by yourself?



# What happens at the end of the school day?

At the end of the day, just before home time, you will sit on the carpet with your friends. Sometimes your teacher will read you a story or you may chat about what you have learnt that day.

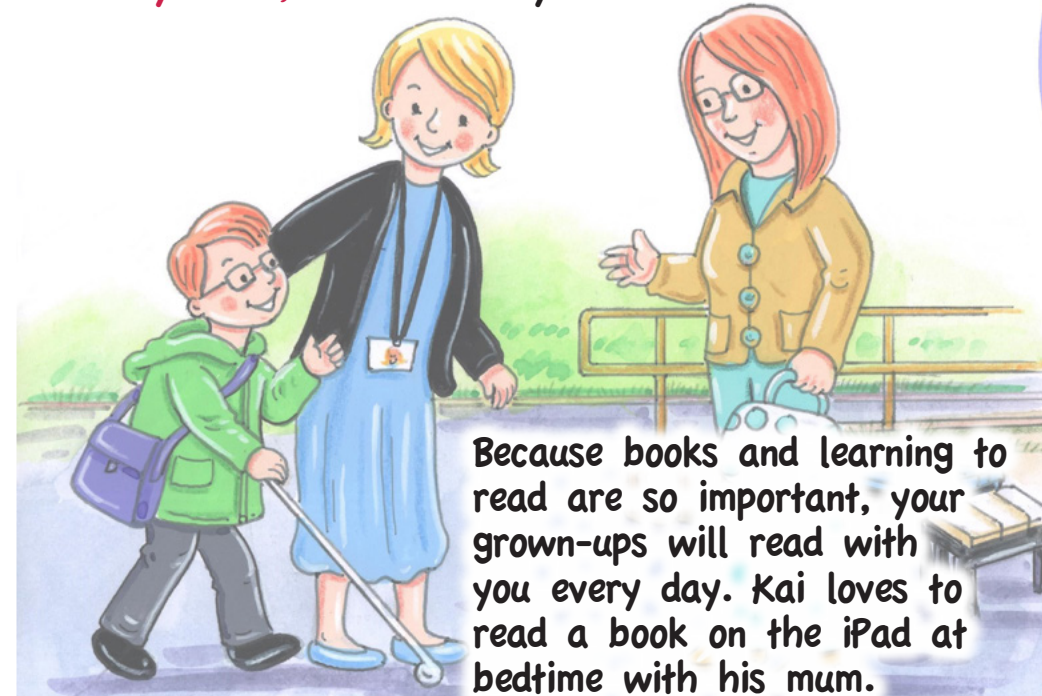
When it is time to go home, you will collect your coat and belongings.



Then you will line up and your teacher will take you outside if you go home with your grown-up. If you go home in a taxi, an adult will take you to the office and you will be collected from there.

Ben's mum has come to collect him.  
"I have got some Braille to learn at home," he tells her.

"You can tell me all about it on the way home," his mum says.



Because books and learning to read are so important, your grown-ups will read with you every day. Kai loves to read a book on the iPad at bedtime with his mum.

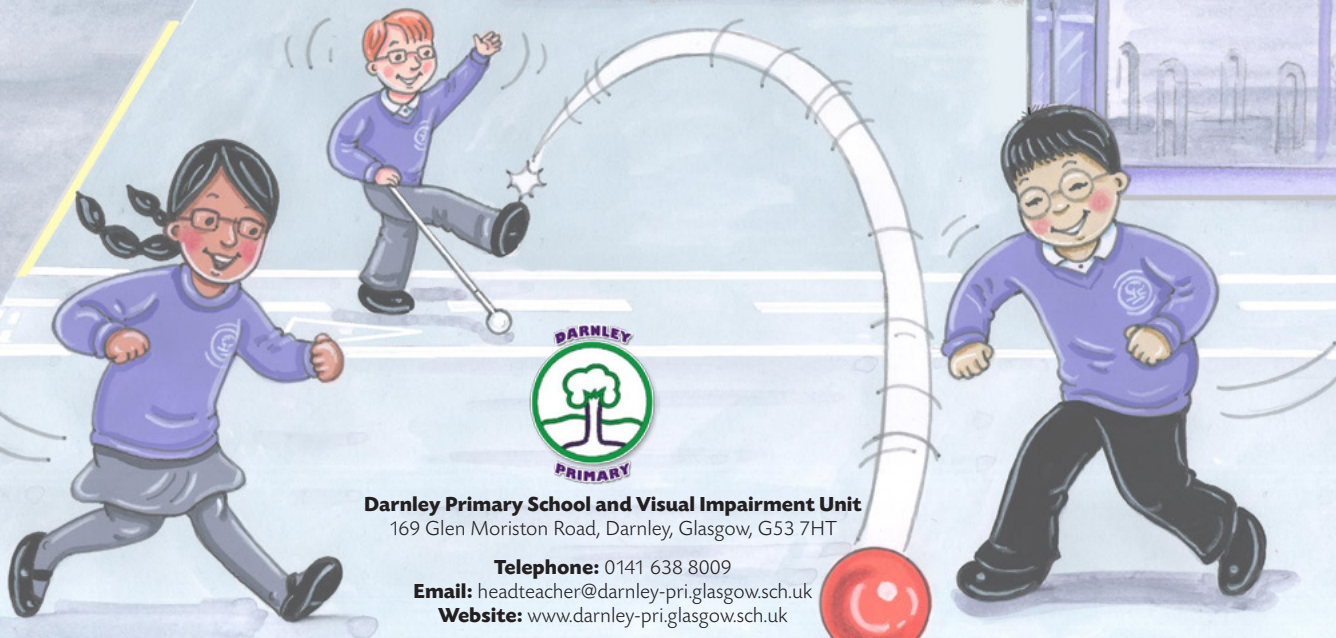


"Can you point to a star?" his mum asks him.

"Here it is," Kai says.

Do you like reading at bedtime?

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