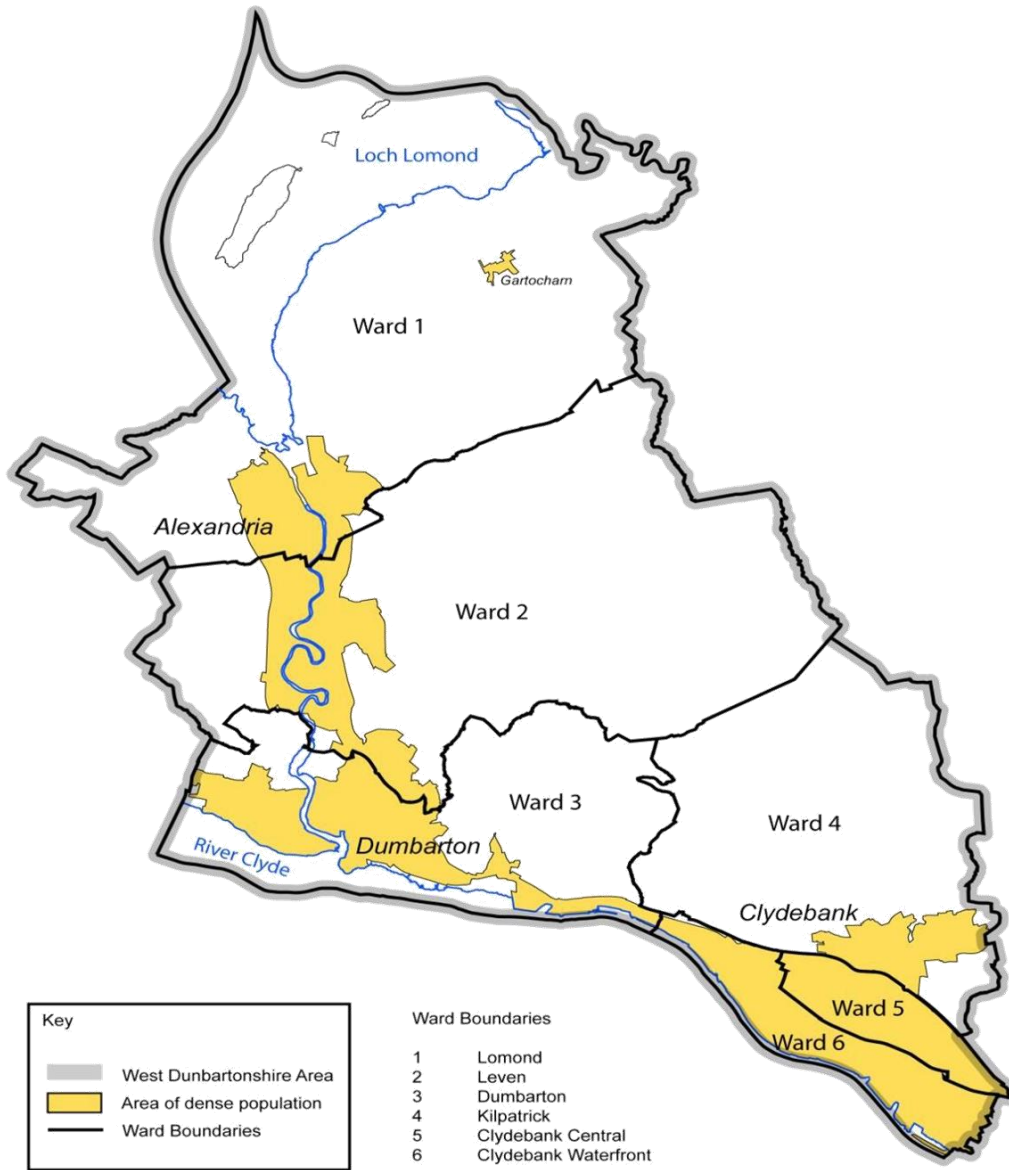


West Dunbartonshire Council – Statement of Provision  
for the ‘Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland)  
Act 2021’.

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# West Dunbartonshire Multi Member Ward Map



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## 1. Introduction

The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 received Royal Assent on 12th January 2021. The Act requires local authorities to ensure period products (like pads and tampons) can easily be picked up free of charge for anyone who needs to use them.

Period products must be reasonably easy to obtain and provided in a way that respects the dignity of those obtaining the products. In addition, there must be a reasonable choice of different products available.

The Act states what's required and asserts that:

- Local authorities (have) to ensure period products generally obtainable free of charge;
- Education providers (have) to ensure period products obtainable free of charge by pupils and students; and
- Specified public service bodies (have) to ensure period products are obtainable free of charge by persons in their premises.

In addition each responsible body must, as soon as reasonably practicable, prepare a written statement describing the plans for provision. The statement must be prepared in consultation with relevant individuals, groups and organisations.

The consultation must seek information to inform decisions about:

- The way products may be made available;
- The types of products required;
- The premises where the products will be available;
- The location of products in those premises.

### **This is the West Dunbartonshire Statement of Provision.**

'We will strive to ensure that everyone in West Dunbartonshire who has a period will have convenient access to appropriate products free of charge, as and when they are required'.

We will do this by:

- consulting with those people in our communities and schools who will require the products, this is to determine the breadth of product requirement;
- engaging with organisations working with groups and individuals including those with equalities issues to ensure the broadest range of access is achieved;
- working with strategic partners in the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership to identify premises and distribution methods for providing access in a way that maintains the dignity of those seeking access to period products;
- liaising with community groups to identify where products are placed and distribution methods to ensure we maintain the dignity of those seeking access to period products;
- reviewing the levels of demand and supply to establish the strongest possible match between the two;

- Providing information about what period products are available, where and how they can be obtained.

## 2. Consultation

### Method

Before preparing a statement we must consult the persons mentioned in the Guidance, and any other organisation or people we think are appropriate.

#### Who we had to consult:

- People that use period products who live or are otherwise likely to be present in the West Dunbartonshire area;
- People who may want to collect period products on behalf of product users;
- People facing additional barriers to access.

#### What we had to ask about:

- Ways in which people could obtain period products free of charge;
- dignity and ease of access;
- The required choice of period products that should be available.

In order to reach as many people who live or work in West Dunbartonshire the quickest and most effective tool we had available was an online survey utilising the ArcGIS Survey 123 platform. This enabled us to create a survey that could be emailed to a wide range of people and widely circulated on all available Medias. It also meant that responses could be anonymous and that was an important factor in this due to the nature of the subject. Stigma and embarrassment around menstruation (periods) is a barrier to openly discussing this subject.

The survey consisted of 13 questions. As period products were available in the community for over five years it was important that the consultation included questions about the effectiveness of the existing approach. This would allow us to measure successes and identify and address emerging issues.

### The Survey

The online survey was carried out in December 2023 and we received 85 responses. At the End of the survey we also asked a variety of diversity monitoring questions.

The consultation findings are contained in an associated document:

'Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland Act 2021: West Dunbartonshire Council Consultation Report: December 2023.

### Key Messages

Questions one to five focused on awareness of the provision and products offered.

- The responses were fairly evenly spread geographically across West Dunbartonshire: 35% from Clydebank, 31% from Alexandria, 29% from Dumbarton and 5 % skipped this question.
- 84% were aware of the community provision.
- A quarter of respondents illustrated that they hadn't accessed any products, among those who had, Pads (Towels) were the most popular with 66%, while 33% accessed Tampons (non-applicator), and 15% Tampons (applicator), a further 15% had accessed reusable products.
- When asked to rate the products out of five, 68 responded to this question, with an average score of 4.2.

- While some highlighted they were happy with what was on offer, other products that were suggested included: menstrual cups, hygiene wipes, more promotions on reusable products, period pants and a wider selection of pads; including night time and a variation of sizes.

Questions six to nine focused on who was benefiting from the provision and where products were being accessed.

- Just over half of respondents said they were getting the products for themselves, while the rest were getting them for a relative or a friend.
- Respondents had obtained products in various venues with the three most popular being Council buildings, Educational establishments and Libraries. Other venues included: Community centres, Health centres and Community organisations.
- Respondents highlighted that they would like to see products available in places such as: public bathrooms, restaurants and cafes, sports venues, places of worship.

Question 10 to 13 focused on whether dignity was considered when accessing products and how we could improve the service.

- When asked if they were able to get products themselves, out of the 70 respondents only 8 said they had to ask someone to get the products.
- 59 of the 70 respondents felt that their dignity was considered.
- When asked if anything would stop them from accessing the service, the majority of respondents said if they had to ask for them or they were in a public or busy space.
- When asked how we could improve the service, respondents were positive about the service on offer, however some suggestions included: being able to order online, more reusable products, better promotion within venues and location of products in some venues.

### 3. Provision Plan

Future provision and methods of communication and access have been determined by our experience in providing products to date and project activities and further informed by the issues emerging from our consultation.

#### Communications

In order to respond to the view that we should raise awareness of the service we will market the service more widely by:

West Dunbartonshire Council Central Communications Team will increase awareness of the service in the wider community by promoting it in a number of ways.

In addition to the distribution of press releases the team will promote the service by providing information and links to the service on its social media platforms, including:

- West Dunbartonshire Council web site
- West Dunbartonshire Council Intranet
- WDC Facebook (and WDC twitter) - <https://www.facebook.com/WDCouncil/>

The Communities Team will take the lead in developing the community-based provision and will promote the service through the range of Community Planning Partnership and associated networks, including:

- Community Planning Partnership Delivery Improvement Groups with representation from health and social care organisations
- Youth Alliance – organisations delivering youth work services;
- Adult Learning Partnership – organisations supporting adult learning and literacies
- Local Employability Partnership – organisations delivering support for people seeking employment and training opportunities
- Information and Advice Partnership – organisations delivering welfare/debt and benefits information
- Local Housing Partnership – local housing organisations
- Educational establishments – engaging with Staff and Pupil councils to review products available and access within locations.

The Communities Team staff will liaise with 'Hey Girls', the organisation supplying the products to promote provision actions will include the distribution of posters and information stands to be located in community venues providing access to products.

#### Available Products

Drawing on experience and consultation we will provide a range of:

- Disposable pads and tampons – these will be available in community venues; in venues;
- Re-usable products, including period pants, menstrual cups and period pads will be available on-line.

#### Methods for Obtaining Products

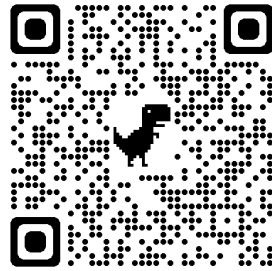
Products will be available within local premises. This includes community venues, council offices and local shops and supermarkets. The most up to date list of venues



is provided in **Appendix 1**. Products are also available in each Primary and Secondary School Establishments, this service is for pupils and staff only. The most up to date list of School locations is provided in **Appendix 2**. These lists will be reviewed on a bi annual basis and will be the source of information that is included in the 'Quick Response' (QR) Locator App.

The Locator App contains information on the availability of products in West Dunbartonshire. This can be accessed by taking a photograph of the code on your smartphone. This will open the App and service users will be guided on how to obtain the relevant information.

The QR code is:



In addition to direct access in the identified locations access can also be obtained on-line by placing your order by copying this link into your smartphone/laptop search or by clicking on this link–

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z7RZLRY>

On-line orders will be delivered directly from the supplier (Hey Girls).

Those accessing the products can order or take as many or as few of the products as required.

### **Service Review**

Staff at The Communities Team will review service provision and will update the service on the basis of continuation of Scottish Government Funding and fluctuation of demands in venues and products.

The team will continue to connect and discuss product provision with individuals and organisations supporting people in Equalities legislation. They will also review and renew the service consultation annually and use this to inform future provision.

### **Product Locations and Access Points**

Table 1 (Below): These are the current venues and will be updated as changes occur. Any changes to locations and availability will be accessed on our app.

## Appendix 1: Table 1: Access Points for Period Products in West Dunbartonshire

### Ward: Clydebank Central

Venues	address 1	address 2	postcode
Centre 81	2 Braes Ave,	Clydebank,	G81 3DP
Clydebank ELCC	83 Barns Street	Clydebank	G81 1RD
Clydebank Housing Association	77-83 Kilbowie Road	Clydebank	G81 1BL
Clydebank Hub	405 Kilbowie Road	Clydebank	G81 2TX
Clydebank Salvation Army Community Church	Sylvania Way	Clydebank	G81 1EA
Dalmuir CC	Duntocher Road	Dalmuir	G81 3QX
Dalmuir Community Food Pantry	Dalmuir Barclay Church 20 Durban Avenue, Dalmuir, G81 4JH	Clydebank	G81 3RJ
Dalmuir ELCC	Castle Square	Dalmuir	G81 4HL
Debra Charity Shop	Clyde shopping centre, 4 Britannia Way	Clydebank	G81 2RZ
MCC Label	Mulvenny House, 2 Murdoch Drive, Clydebank Business Park	Clydebank	G81 2QQ
Parkhall Library	42 Hawthorn Street	Clydebank	G81 3HZ
Parkhall library	42 Hawthorn Street	Clydebank	G81 3HZ
Y sortit	5 West Thomson St,	Clydebank	G81 3EA
Carleith ELCC	Stark Avenue, Duntocher	Clydebank	G81 6EF
Goldenhill Resource Centre	199 Dumbarton Road	Clydebank	G81 4XJ
The Lennox Partnership	Ground Floor, Carus House, 201 Dumbarton Road	Clydebank	G81 4XJ

## Ward: Clydebank waterfront.

Venues	address 1	address 2	Postcode
Citizens Advice Bureau Clydebank	Social Economy Centre, 63 Kilbowie Road	Clydebank	G81 1BL
Clydebank Health Centre	Queens Quay, Main Avenue	Clydebank	G81 1BS
Clydebank Health Centre Health Visitors	Queens Quay, Main Avenue	Clydebank	G81 1BS
Clydebank Leisure Centre	Queens Quay, Aurora Avenue	Clydebank	G81 1BF
Clydebank Library	Dumbarton Road	Clydebank	G81 1XH
Clydebank Titans Youth Rugby Club	60 Dean Street	Clydebank	G81 1AT
Clydebank Town Centre Office	10 Sylvania Way South,	Clydebank,	G81 1EA
Clydebank Town Hall	5 Hall Street	Clydebank	G81 1UB
Clydebank Waterfront Parish Church	Abbotsford Road,	Clydebank	G81 1PA
Clydebank Women's Aid	77 Whitecrook Street	Clydebank	G81 1QW
Dalmuir Library	2 Lennox Place	Dalmuir	G81 4LX
Golden Friendships	Community Halls, 18 Nairn Place	Dalmuir	G81 4AU
Holm Park Community Football Academy (HPCFA)	Dock Street,	Clydebank,	G81 1LX
ISARO Community Initiative	Centre 81, 2/16 Braes Avenue	Clydebank	G81 1DP
WD Addiction Team Clydebank	120 Dumbarton Road	Clydebank	G81 1UG
WDC Aurora House	3 Aurora Avenue, Queens Quay	Clydebank	G81 1BF
Whitecrook ELCC	Braes Avenue, Whitecrook	Clydebank	G81 1DP

## Ward: Dumbarton

Venues	Address 1	Address 2	Postcode
Alternatives	1/3 Quay Street	Dumbarton	G82 1LG
BBV Outreach Clinics	Dumbarton Joint Hospital, Cardross Road	Dumbarton	G82 5JA
Benview Centre	50 Strathleven Place	Dumbarton	G82 1BA
Braehead PS ELCC	C/o Braehead Primary School, Meadow Road	Dumbarton	G82 2BL
Brucehill ELCC	75 Ardoch Crescent, Brucehill	Dumbarton	G82 4EN
Citizens Advice Bureau Dumbarton	Bridgend House, 179 High Street	Dumbarton	G82 1NW
Community Connections	3 Bruce Street	Dumbarton	G82 1HY
Concord Community Centre	Town Centre	Dumbarton,	G82 1LJ
Cutty Sark Centre	58 Howatshaws Road	Dumbarton	G82 3DR
Dumbarton Health Centre	Station Road	Dumbarton	G82 1PW
Dumbarton Library	Strathleven Place	Dumbarton	G82 1BD
Dumbarton Womens Aid		Haldane	G83 3DE
Dumbarton Youth Volunteer Scheme	Dumbarton Fire Station, 2 Castlegreen Street	Dumbarton	G82 1EA
Family Nurse Partnership Team F	Hartfield Clinic, Latta Street	Dumbarton	G82 2DS
Food4Thought	Unit 15, Artizan Shopping Centre	Dumbarton	G82 1Lj
Leven Valley Enterprise Centre	Castlehill Road	Dumbarton	G82 5BN
Mackie Pharmacy Dumbarton	8 High St	Dumbarton	G82 1LL
Meadow Centre	Meadow Road,	Dumbarton,	G82 2AA
Morrisons	55 Glasgow Road	Dumbarton	G82 1QZ
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Cardross Road, Dumbarton	C/o 7 Kilpatrick view	Dumbarton	G82 2EE
WD Addiction Team Dumbarton	Dumbarton Joint Hospital, Cardross road	Dumbarton	G82 5JA

<b>Venues</b>	<b>Address 1</b>	<b>Address 2</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
WDC Bridge St/Social Work/Public	6-14 Bridge Street	Dumbarton	G82 1NT
WDC Bridge Street Staff/Premises	6-14 Bridge Street	Dumbarton	G82 1NT
WDC Church Street	16 Church St	Dumbarton	G82 1QL
WDC Learning Disabilities Dumbarton Day Centre	3 Bruce Street	Dumbarton	G82 1HY
West Dunbartonshire Communtiy Foodshare	Unit 21 Levenvalley Enterprise Centre, Castlehill Road	Dumbarton	G82 5BN
Andrew B Cameron ELCC	7 Broomhill Drive, Belsmyre	Dumbarton	G82 3HQ
Cairnmhor Resource Centre	Dumbarton Joint Hospital, Cardross Road	Dumbarton	G82 5JA
Great Start Childcare	2 Colquhoun Road, Milton	Dumbarton	G82 2TH
Riverview Resource Centre	Dumbarton Joint Hospital, Cardross Road	Dumbarton	G82 5JA
Rock Community Church	The Pheonix, 17 Quarryknowe	Dumbarton	G82 5AF
WDC Learning Disabilities Team	118 Dumbarton Road	Clydebank	G81 1UG
Work Connect Levensgrove Park Training Suite	Woodyard Road	Dumbarton	G82 4AF

## Ward: Kilpatrick

Venues	address 1	address 2	Postcode
Carleith ELCC	Stark Avenue, Duntocher	Clydebank	G81 6EF
Auchnacraig ELCC	Faifley Road, Faifley	Clydebank	G81 5BQ
Duntocher Library	Glenhead CE Centre, Duntiglennan Road	Clydebank	G81 6HF
Faifley Library	Edinbarnet Campus, Craigpark Street	Faifley, Clydebank	G81 5BS
Glenhead Centre	Duntiglennan Road,	Duntocher,	G81 6HF
Lennox E.L.C.C.	Lennox Drive, Faifley	Clydebank	G81 5JY
Old Kilpatrick Foodparcels	Unit 5, Nu Skope Industrial Estate, Station Road, Old Kilpatrick	Old Kilpatrick,	G60 5LP
Skypoint Centre	96b Lennox Drive	Faifley, Clydebank	G81 5JY
Street League	Goals Glasgow West, 2650 Great Western Road	Clydebank	G81 2XT

## Ward: Leven

Venues	address 1	address 2	Postcode
Alexandria Community Centre	Main Street,	Alexandria	G83 ONU
Alexandria Library	Gilmour Street	Alexandria,	G83 ODA
Citizens Advice Bureau Alexandria	77 Bank Street	Alexandria	G83 OLZ
Cornerstone	Carman Centre, 175 Main Street Renton	Dumbarton	G82 4PF
Ferryfield ELCC	Ferryloan, Bank Street	Alexandria	G83 OUW
Gordons Chemists	19 Mitchell Way	Alexandria,	G83 OLW
The Tell Organisation Ltd.	Tell House, 8/4 Bankend Road,	Dumbarton,	G82 2RT
Tontine Food Pantry	53 Tontine Park, Renton	Dumbarton	G82 4LP
Tullochan	9-11 Poplar Road	Dumbarton	G82 2RD
Vale of Leven Autism and Aspergers Forum (VOLAAF)	West of Scotland Autism and Aspergers Centre, Station Street	Renton	G82 4NB
Vale of Leven Trust	9 Mitchell Way	Alexandria	G83 OLW
Y sortit outreach	Bonhill Community Centre, Ladyton	Alexandria	G83 9DZ

## Ward: Lomond

Venues	address 1	address 2	Postcode
Acorn Centre	Vale of Leven Hospital, Main Street	Alexandria	G83 0UA
Balloch ELCC	Balloch Campus, Carrachan Road	Alexandria	G83 8FA
Balloch Library	Carrochan Road	Balloch	G83 8BW
Haldane Youth	Annexe Building, c/o Choices School, Main Street, Jamestown	Balloch	G83 8PN
Vale Centre for Health	Main Street,	Alexandria	G83 0UA
Vale of Leven Swimming Pool	Main Street	Alexandria	G83 0UE
Dalmonach ELCC	First Avenue, Bonhill	Alexandria	G83 9AU
Gartocharn Primary & ELCC	Ross Loan Road, Gartocharn	Alexandria	G83 8NE



## **Appendix 2: School Locations (pupils and staff only)**

### **Primary Schools**

Aitkenbar Primary School, Whiteford Avenue, DUMBARTON, G82 3JL.

Bonhill Primary School, Raglan Street, Bonhill, ALEXANDRIA, G83 9JA.

Braehead Primary School, Meadow Road, DUMBARTON, G82 2BL.

Carleith Primary School, Stark Avenue, Duntocher, CLYDEBANK, G81 6EF.

Christie Park Primary School, Middleton Street, ALEXANDRIA, G83 0DF.

Clydemuir Primary School, Ottawa Crescent, Dalmuir, CLYDEBANK, G81 4LB.

Dalreoch Primary School, Kingsway, Castlehill, DUMBARTON, G82 5AZ.

Edinbarnet Primary School, Faifley Road, Faifley, CLYDEBANK, G81 5BQ.

Gartocharn Primary School, Ross Loan, Gartocharn, BY ALEXANDRIA,

Gavinburn Primary School, Dumbarton Road, OLD KILPATRICK, G60 5NE.

Goldenhill Primary School, Stewart Drive, Hardgate, CLYDEBANK, G81 6AH..

Haldane Primary School, Miller Road, Balloch, ALEXANDRIA, G83 8AA.

Highdykes Primary School, Braehead, Bonhill, Alexandria, Alexandria, G83 9NQ.

Jamestown Primary School, Main Street, Jamestown, ALEXANDRIA, G83 8PN.

Kilbowie Primary School, West Thomson Street, CLYDEBANK, G81 3EA.

Knoxland Primary School, Leven Street, DUMBARTON, G82 1QU.

Ladyton Primary School, Ladyton, Bonhill, Alexandria, Alexandria, G83 9DZ.

Lennox Primary School, Redburn, Bonhill, ALEXANDRIA, G83 9BP.

Levenvale Primary School, Argyll Street, Levenvale, ALEXANDRIA, G83 0QN.

Linnvale Primary School, Livingstone Street, Linnvale, CLYDEBANK, G81 2RL.

Our Holy Redeemer's Primary School, East Barns Street, CLYDEBANK, G81 1EZ.

Our Lady of Loretto Primary School, Castle Square, Dalmuir, CLYDEBANK, G81 4HN.

Renton Primary School, Main Street, Renton, DUMBARTON, G82 4NA.

St Eunan's Primary School, Gilmour Street, CLYDEBANK, G81 2BW.

St Joseph's Primary School, Faifley Road, Faifley, CLYDEBANK, G81 5EY.

St Kessog's Primary School, Miller Road, Balloch, ALEXANDRIA, G83 8AA.

St Martin's Primary School, Place of Bonhill, Renton, DUMBARTON, G82 4QB.

St Mary's Primary School (Alexandria), Bank Street, ALEXANDRIA, G83 0UJ.

St Mary's Primary School (Duntocher), Chapel Road, Duntocher, CLYDEBANK, G81 6DL.

St Michael's Primary School, St Michael's Way, Off Castlehill Road, DUMBARTON, G82 5BS.

St Patrick's Primary School, Crosslet Road, DUMBARTON, G82 2LQ.

St Peter's Primary School, Whiteford Avenue, Bellsmyre, DUMBARTON, G82 3JL.

St Ronan's Primary School, Ladyton, Bonhill, ALEXANDRIA, G83 9DZ..

St Stephen's Primary School, Second Avenue, Dalmuir, CLYDEBANK, G81 3LE.

Whitecrook Primary School, Cochno Street, Whitecrook, CLYDEBANK, G81 1RQ.

### **Secondary Schools**

Clydebank High School, Janetta Street, CLYDEBANK, G81 3EJ.

Dumbarton Academy, Crosslet Road, DUMBARTON, G82 2AJ.

Our Lady & St Patrick's High School, Hawthornhill Road, Castlehill, Dumbarton, G82 5JN.

St Peter the Apostle High School, Kirkoswald Drive, Clydebank, Glasgow, G81 2DB.

Vale Of Leven Academy, Main Street, Alexandria, G83 0BH.

### **ASN Schools**

Cunard School, Cochno Street, CLYDEBANK, G81 1RQ.

Kilpatrick School, Mountblow Road, Dalmuir, CLYDEBANK, G81 4SW.