

Ecclesall Primary School Parent Guide 2019-2020

A very warm welcome from Emma Hardy, the Head Teacher of our three form entry community primary school.

Ecclesall Primary School is a very friendly, happy, innovative and creative school. Our motto is “**Happy Children, Happy School, Learning together, Growing together**”. From the very start of their time at Ecclesall Primary School children know that their happiness and well-being is our priority. A whole school community approach to developing positive relationships, confidence and self-belief supports our vision that every child’s experience must be a happy one. Our children are taught lifelong skills and the importance of developing a healthy, happy mind and body. We provide a nurturing and supportive environment where children feel safe, valued, and listened to and where individuality and successes are celebrated. Children are encouraged to talk about their thoughts and feelings and they know adults will listen. Supportive friendships are key and children know how to care for each other. Through discussion and learning, children are encouraged to develop the skills and resilience to cope with challenges and ultimately be happy, confident individuals, who love life, school and learning.

At Ecclesall Primary school, we have high expectations of everyone. We want our children to love their learning, to be excited, engaged and challenged and to lead their own learning through our broad and rich curriculum. We want them to take risks, to problem solve, to be active, creative and inspired. Our new school prospectus on our website will give you more detailed information about our vision and values at Ecclesall Primary school.

We work in close partnership and feel very well supported by our parents through the Ecclesall Parents Teachers Friends Association, our Governors, the staff at Ecclesall Primary School and our local community including our local schools nearby. We are part of SWIP (South West Improving Partners) where 12 local schools work closely together sharing very good practice.

We have had a very successful first year in our primary school with lots of new facilities including 15 new classrooms, a computing suite, a studio and class kitchen, a large new library in the Atrium, a larger dining room and kitchen, small year group rooms as an extension of the classrooms, a MUGA (Multi use games area), new turf to our school field, an additional playground for our younger children and a new trim trail on the larger playground. We now feel established and ready for the exciting challenges of what a new year will bring from this September 2019.

Our Parents and Carers are always welcome at Ecclesall Primary School. We have an open door policy and pride ourselves on our friendly, welcoming ethos. We look forward to meeting you and your child. We hope that you find our school website useful and informative.

Kind Regards,

Emma Hardy Head Teacher

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/welcome-to-our-school/>

<u>SCHOOL DAY start times</u>	<u>SCHOOL DAY end times</u>	<u>ILLNESS, APPOINTMENTS, ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL</u>
<p>8.30am-8.45am: School staff supervision on the playground for KS2 children (Y3-Y6).</p>	<p>3.10pm: School finishes for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children</p>	<p>If your child is ill, needs to leave school or arrives late for any reason including dental or medical appointments it is important that you inform the school office. Telephone calls will be answered in the office from 8.15am every day.</p>
<p>8.45am: Doors open/School bell rings in the playground.</p>	<p>3.20pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children.</p>	<p><u>SICKNESS</u> We have been informed by the Health Protection Agency that, to stop the spread of sickness and diarrhoea bugs, children must not return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. We appreciate your understanding with this.</p>
<p>Rec/ Y1 enter school via the main entrance <u>in the morning from 8.45am</u></p>	<p>3.20-3.40pm School staff supervision on the playground</p>	<p><u>Medicines</u> We cannot give any unprescribed paracetamol or other tablets unless prescribed by a doctor. You will need to fill in a Medicine form at the office giving permission for a dosage at 12pm for prescribed medication.</p>
<p>Y1 Blue Whales and Seals enter school via the Y1 entrance from the Y1 playground <u>at the end of the day at 3.10pm</u></p>	<p>3.45pm School gates closed as school grounds used by Kids club and after school clubs</p>	
<p>Y1 Dolphins enter school via the main entrance at the end of the day with Reception.</p>	<p>After 3.40pm Any children not picked up will be taken back into school to the main office and parents contacted. We will ensure they are well looked after.</p>	
<p>Y2 enter school via the Y2 door from playground.</p>	<p><u>After school clubs</u> Please come to the main school entrance/ranch gate for outdoor clubs to collect your child from an after school club.</p>	
<p>Y3-Y5 walk into their classrooms via the Junior door from the playground.</p>		
<p>Y6 walk in via the path down to the Y6 block.</p>		
<p>8.50am: School starts for Key Stage Two children (Y3-Y6)</p>		
<p>8.55am School starts for Rec-Y2 children.</p>		

<p><u>PUNCTUALITY</u> Any children arriving at school after 8.55am must be signed in at the office to ensure the correct dinner arrangements are made for them.</p>	<p><u>BE PREPARED</u> Please make sure that your child brings everything that they need for the start of the day – lunchbox, water bottle, book bag, PE kit etc. Please ensure all items have your child's name on them.</p>	<p><u>NO DOGS</u> We have a no dogs policy on our Ecclesall Primary school site please. Do not leave your dog tied up at either school entrance please. This is for health and safety reasons. Some of our younger children are frightened of dogs.</p>
<p><u>SAFETY</u> For Health & Safety reasons please leave prams, buggies, scooters etc. outside the school building in the designated areas. Mr Moffatt will lock the Huntley Road gate entrance and ranch gate leading to the drive at 9am so please ensure you leave our site on time.</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL OFFICE Opening times</u> <u>MONDAY – FRIDAY</u> <u>8.15am – 4.15pm</u></p> <p><u>RED POST BOX</u> – located outside the office. In this secure, locked box please put everything for the school office including club money, uniform orders, leave of absence request, Kids Club forms and EPTFA forms and money. REMINDER- The school office does not have any facilities to provide change. Please have the exact amount of money for payments</p>	<p><u>PE KIT</u> All children need to have their named PE kit in school at all times and only taken home at the end of each half term for washing.</p> <p><u>OUTDOOR CLOTHING</u> Please ensure your child wears the appropriate clothing for outdoors depending on the weather. Coats should be waterproof and have a hood. Please also ensure all clothing is named. Use the Stikins labels available on our EPS website under the EPTFA section and click on the link below to order: https://www.stikins.co.uk/</p>
<p><u>ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK</u> The car park is closed to ALL vehicles between the following times: 8.30-9.00am & 3.00-3.30pm Only Staff and Official Visitors are permitted to park in the car park during the school day.</p>	<p><u>NO NUTS</u> PLEASE DO NOT BRING NUTS OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS OF ANY TYPE OR QUANTITY INTO SCHOOL. WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES</p>	<p><u>SCHOOL MEALS</u> Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Children will choose what they are having for lunch the night before with their parent or during morning registration using SQUID. Y3-Y6 children will pay for their school dinner using the SQUID payment system.</p>
<p><u>PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS</u> Please inform the class teacher/office in the morning when you drop off your child if they will be going home with another parent or carer.</p>		

<p><u>No Mobile phones policy</u> We have a strict no mobile phones policy in school whether an adult or child (this includes our parents and carers). Please respect this policy. Y6 pupils need permission from the Head Teacher if bringing their phones into school. They will be securely locked away during school hours in the school office. Thank you.</p>	<p><u>New Ecclesall Primary school website</u> Our school website is now live but lots more information will be put on during the coming months. Please take a look at www.ecclesallprimary.co.uk Each year group have their own curriculum section under Curriculum on the website. Please also look at the EPS update that has been emailed out yesterday.</p>	<p><u>School car park reminders:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 mph at all times • Please only park in the marked car park bays. • Please do not park on the school walkway. • School gates are closed from 8.30-9am and 3pm-3.30pm with only restricted access. • Please only drive into school to park if necessary as limited spaces. • After 4.30pm you are able to drive into school to collect from Kids Club and park in this car park if spaces are available.
<p><u>Reception and Y1 playground</u> Reception have their playtime at 10.30am on the Y1/Rec playground. Reception and Y1 share this playground at lunchtime but Reception have their lunch from 11.45am and Y1 from approximately 12.10pm. <u>Trim trails</u> We have extended the fence area to the smaller playground and we are awaiting a date for our smaller trim trail to be installed. We have our new trim trail adventure playground on our main playground now. Please ensure you supervise your child at all times before and after school when they are using this apparatus. Thanks very much to the EPTFA for raising money for this.</p>	<p><u>Y2-Y6 Playground and MUGA</u> Y1, Y2 and Y3 have their morning break together after KS1 Assembly each day from 10.45-11.00am and Y4/5/6 have their morning break together at 10.15-10.30am. We have a rota for different year groups to use the MUGA Lunchtime is staggered with Y6 and Reception having their lunch together from 11.45pm and then other year groups taking it in turns to have their lunch. It is lovely to see our younger children making new friends with our older children.</p>	<p><u>INSET dates: Mon. 2nd Sept 2019, Thurs 26th March 2020, Fri 27th March 2020, Mon 20th July 2020 and Tues 21st July 2020.</u> School starts back on Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019 for all Y1 to Y6 children. New Reception children have home visits this week. Monday 9th September Reception children start part time. Please enter school via either Huntley Road entrance or the main driveway. We will look forward to greeting you then. We cannot authorise any term time holidays. Please book your holidays around these INSETS as we have tried to organise them around Easter and Summer holidays. Thanks very much.</p>

Parent Calendar/diary dates and Ecclesall Primary School website

Please regularly go on our Ecclesall Primary School website for a wealth of information:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/>

Below is the link to our school parent calendar with all the dates over the academic year. Please go on this regularly, as this is the most up to date information regarding events, trips, visitors to school, class assembly dates, concerts etc. We will also send texts, emails and the monthly EPS update to all.

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/calendar/>

Below is the link to our letters that are emailed out to all parents/carers including the EPS update:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/letters/>

Below is the link to our Curriculum with a section for all year groups. Each half term Parents are emailed the Curriculum Jigsaw and the Knowledge Organiser for pre learning.

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/curriculum-2/>

Below is the link to the section called "Our School" with many sub sections (see list below)

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/curriculum/>

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Below is the link to our gallery of photographs:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/gallery/>

Thanks very much Emma Hardy