

Ecclesall Primary School Parent Guide 2022-2023

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. Our three Ecclesall values are Positivity, Kindness and Respect. 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 school prospectus on our website will give you more detailed information about our vision and values at Ecclesall Primary school. <http://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/prospectus/>

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 four very successful years 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), a new Ecclesall Hub, an additional playground for our younger children, a Sunflower room, Teachers’ PPA room and a new trim trail on both playgrounds. We now feel established and ready for the exciting challenges of another new year.

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/welcome-to-our-school/>

<p><u>SCHOOL DAY start and end times</u></p> <p>8.45am: School starts for KS2 (Y3-Y6).</p> <p>8.50am: School starts for KS1 and EYFS children (Rec- Y2)</p> <p>3.10pm: School finishes for EYFS and KS1 children (Rec- Y2)</p> <p>3.15pm: School finishes for KS2 children (Y3-Y6)</p> <p>3.20pm 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>3.30pm School gates closed as school grounds used by Kids club and after school clubs.</p> <p><u>SCHOOL OFFICE Opening times</u> <u>MONDAY – FRIDAY</u> <u>8.15am – 4.15pm</u></p>	<p><u>ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK</u></p> <p>The car park is closed to ALL vehicles (apart from restricted access) between the following times: 8.30-9.00am & 3.00-3.30pm</p> <p>Only Staff and Official Visitors are permitted to park in the car park during the school day.</p> <p><u>School car park reminders for Kids club parents/carers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are ONLY able to drive into school to drop off/pick up between <u>7.40am-8.00am</u> and from <u>4.45pm-6:00pm..</u> 5 mph at all times. Please only park in the marked car park bays numbered 1-32 and no other spaces. Thank you. Please only drive into school to park if absolutely necessary. Please do not park on the school walkway. More information regarding any changes to the car parking arrangements will be sent out soon regarding this. 	<p><u>ILLNESS, APPOINTMENTS, ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL</u></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><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><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><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. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.</p>
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Parking outside of school

As you are aware, we continue to have our Platinum Modeshift Stars award for Active travel and we use the WOW daily tracker encouraging the children to walk, scooter, bike, skip, or park and stride to school. Please ask your child about this as they take it very seriously.

Reminder: Unfortunately, we have already had parents inform us of inconsiderate parking this week. Please **do not park on double yellow lines, across driveways, in bus stops, or blocking the line of site for children and families crossing the road.** Please park considerately to ensure the safety of all our children and our local community. Thanks very much.

PUNCTUALITY

Any children arriving at school late must be signed in at the main school office to ensure the correct dinner arrangements are made for them.

BE PREPARED

Please make sure that your child brings everything that they need for the start of the day – lunchbox, water bottle and book bag. Please ensure all items have your child’s name on them.

NO DOGS

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 children are frightened of dogs.

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

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.

SCHOOL MEALS

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal. Children will choose what they are having for lunch the night before with their parent or during morning registration using Parent Pay. Y3-Y6 children will pay for their school dinner using the Parent Pay payment system. Please contact the school office if you receive free school meals (pupil premium). Thanks.

PE KIT

All children come to school wearing their PE Kits on PE days. Please wear white or blue tops and dark shorts/joggers/ school hoodies.

No Mobile phones policy

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. Y5/6 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.

Eat Smart Sheffield is a school-based programme focussing on food and nutrition. They support families to help encourage children and young people to develop healthy lifestyle habits so they can grow, thrive and live life to the full.

Top tips for healthy eating throughout the day:
[Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter - for Parents/Carers \(office.com\)](https://www.eat-smart-sheffield.org.uk/newsletter-for-parents-carers)

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

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/name-labels/>

Trim trails on both the EYFS/ Y1 playground and the Y2-Y6 playground

Please ensure you supervise your child/ren, whatever their age, at all times before and after school when they are using this apparatus. School staff are not responsible for your children before school starts and when school finishes.
Reminder: Only Y3-Y6 children can use the **monkey bars** on the trim trail on the large playground.

Ecclesall Primary school website

Please take a look at www.ecclesallprimary.co.uk
 It has a wealth of information including separate tabs re

- Welcome
- Our school
- Letters/forms
- Curriculum
- Parent Calendar
- Governors
- Gallery
- Contact us
- EPTFA

INSET dates: Thurs 1st Sept, Fri 2nd Sept, Fri 21st Oct 2022, Tues 3rd Jan and Mon 5th June 2023

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 school holidays. Thanks very much.

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/calendar/>

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

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

Below is the link to our Curriculum with a section for all year groups.

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

Each half term Parents/Carers are emailed the Curriculum Jigsaw and the Knowledge Organiser for pre learning. Please click on this useful link too:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/knowledge-organisers-key-vocabulary/>

Below is the link to the section called "Our School!" with many sub sections

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

Below is the link to our gallery of photographs and our Ecclesall Facebook page:

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/gallery/> <https://www.facebook.com/ecclesallprimary>

We are so proud of all our children during this first week. Very well done everyone!

Thanks very much Emma Hardy