



ECCLES ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL PROSPECTUS 2023-24

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Mrs Emma Hardy
Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Ecclesall Primary School. I am 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 new 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 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,

Mrs Emma Hardy
Head Teacher

ALL Welcome...

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Our School Motto

**"Happy Children, Happy School,
Learning Together, Growing Together".**



Every Child Matters.



Children at Ecclesall Primary School learn in an active manner.

Classroom based learning often includes some form of activity from a “Go Noodle” warm up to treasure hunts around the school (both internal and external). The extensive grounds lend themselves to active learning even during unstructured playtimes there is always plenty to do with the “Craze of the Week” giving children the chance to try out different activities i.e. frisby throwing, ankle skipping and walking on stilts. There are also skipping and hula hoop zones for all children to enjoy at lunchtimes.

We encourage children and families to be active in their journeys to and from school. Good use is made of our bike/scooter shelters throughout the year.

There are opportunities for all children to be actively involved in learning through our programme of curriculum Physical Education. In the past this has included sessions from an expert coach each year. Children have also received sessions of Yoga during school.

We have an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities including running, rugby, football, netball, karate, yoga, tennis to name just a few.

Children from Ecclesall Primary can often be seen flying the flag at Sheffield Federation of School Sports competitions from the Winter Cross Country series and Netball tournaments to the annual swimming gala and bouldering competition where our pupils get the chance to put their skills to the test against the best in Sheffield.

We are part of the daily WOW living streets tracker that records how every child in our school travels to school. We also promote active travel using initiatives such as ‘Wheely Wednesday’ and ‘Big Pedal Challenge’.

ALL Active...

“A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.”

- Nelson Mandela

Our School Website:
www.ecclesallprimary.co.uk

A group of children and two adults are standing in a large circle on a grassy field, holding hands. In the background, there is a tent and some trees. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a school activity.

“All children are encouraged to reach their potential”



Our aims are to ensure early identification of and assessment of SEN.

This helps us provide an appropriate curriculum that is carefully monitored.

We liaise closely with parents at all times and advice is sought from the Local Authority support services.

We continue to develop policies to support an inclusive ethos and to ensure that we are following statutory guidelines. These include:

- Race Equality Policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Policy for Gifted & Talented Pupils
- Disability Discrimination Act - Access Plan
- Equal Opportunities Policy

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY (SEND)

Our SEN policy is based on the guidelines in the Code of Practice published by the Department for Education. All the children are encouraged to reach their potential by following a broad and balanced curriculum, including the National Curriculum, which meets individual needs. This includes children with SEN and children who are particularly able or mature for their chronological age.

ALL Inclusive...

“Individual needs are exceptionally well met.”

- Ofsted, 2018

School Aims:

We will:

1. Learn within a happy, enjoyable, caring and supportive environment where we celebrate diversity.
2. Try our very best, aiming high and realise our full potential.
3. Think for ourselves, make decisions and have confidence in them and will make informed choices.
4. Show respect, care and consideration for each other.
5. Value and take care of our environment.
6. Have confidence, take risks and be valued in all that we do
7. Celebrate our successes and achievements and be recognised.
8. Express ourselves imaginatively and creatively.
9. Work together with parents, carers and the wider community to enrich and enhance learning.
10. Take responsibility for our own actions.



Here at Ecclesall, thought provoking learning leads to inspirational thinking - whether this is within the classroom or outside.

We have an exciting themed education as part of our creative curriculum.

Inspirational learning includes trips to farms, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Residential trips to name a few. With the vast amount of green space around the school and being located on the doorstep of the Peaks, we use these to their full potential.

Further inventiveness and skills are acquired from the authors that visit the school. These visits are to spark the childrens imagination in writing and promote the reading of books.

We also have have a vast number of sporting clubs and activities that promotes a healthy lifestyle and encourages the children to try out new opportunities.




ALL Inspired...

"Be great in act, as you have been in thought."

- William Shakespeare

We **engage, motivate** and **inspire** our children with a **memorable, vibrant** and **diverse** curriculum that makes all **learning fun.**



At Ecclesall Primary School all pupils' are encouraged to do the best they can.

We believe in every pupil and expectations are matched to the fact that every pupil is different. Exciting teaching leads to excited children wanting to learn in a fun and happy environment. We encourage a strong value based education. This creates a positive learning environment enhances academic achievement and develops pupils' social and relationship skills that last throughout their lives.

Children are encouraged to push themselves whether this is in the

classroom in a lesson or while out climbing on a school trip.

At Ecclesall we value the diverse range of skills, interests, attitudes and aspirations within the school community. We learn about the different cultures that are within our community and promote and learn about these on different open days.

Many parents enjoy helping their child's class or another class, for example, hearing individuals read, guided reading groups, working in the classroom environment supporting the class teacher and on educational visits local and further afield.

There are invitations to class assemblies, to special events such as curriculum workshops (Christmas workshops, Maths workshops, Phonics workshops) and to year group performances either in school or in our local church at All Saints.

ALL Encouraged...

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

"...the underlying **emphasis** on **nurturing** well rounded kids rather than purely driving academic success is great and important to ensure **all children** grow up with a sense of **self-worth**, not just those who are **academically gifted**."

- EYFS & Y2 Parent

Simply put, creativity involves transforming ideas, imagination, and dreams into reality. When being creative we find the hidden patterns, make connections between things that aren't normally related, and come up with new ideas.

Creative ability depends on creative thinking which is part hard work but largely creative problem-solving... most of the things that are interesting, important, and human are the results of creativity... and when we are involved in it, we feel that we are living life to the full.

Creative subjects are often self-led, with children taking the lead in their own innovative ideas. At Ecclesall Primary from Reception onwards, children become creative as a result of focusing on and acquiring knowledge and abilities. This encourages independent thought across all subject areas. In school, our creative curriculum and discovery lessons enable learning opportunities to fuel creative energy and expression.

As a staff we believe it makes good sense to support, and encourage the many tendrils of a child's imagination. Those tendrils are ideas, and they represent the beginnings of creative expression, personal development, and productivity.

ALL Creative...

"Creativity is intelligence having fun."

- Albert Einstein

"The **Curriculum** is delivered in a huge range of really **creative ways.**"

- Y3 Parent

At Ecclesall we recognise that all children are unique.

The talents that children possess can vary from being a chess champion to being that friend that peers are able to talk to.

A child could be talented at music or maths. It could be running or even karate; maybe Art or Dance.

Here at Ecclesall we give the children the opportunities to flourish and the environment to achieve whatever they want. The children are provided with a range of experiences to enrich their curriculum, thereby extending their learning and personal development.

Educational Visits form an integral part of the work taking place in the classroom. This gives children the opportunities to learn new skills.

Throughout their time at Ecclesall, children will be provided with opportunities to develop their talents or challenge themselves to find a new one!

A large group of children are on a stage, many with their arms raised in excitement. Above them are several signs with comic book sound effects like 'POW!', 'BOOM!', 'CRASH!', 'BAM!', 'POF!', 'ZAP!', 'THWACK!', and 'GANDY DANCE LEARN'. The children are dressed in various costumes, including one with a lightning bolt on their shirt.

ALL Talented...

"The rich curriculum challenges pupils and children effectively."

- Ofsted, 2018.

Our children have access to many clubs including:

Football, Karate, Rugby, Tennis, Chess, Table Tennis, Netball, Athletics, Yoga, Dance, Cheerleading, Art, Choir, Cross Country, Coding Club, Gymnastics, French and Drama.

We also have many musical opportunities for children to learn the following:

Guitar, Cello, Keyboard, Piano, Brass, Flute, Woodwind, Violins and Drums.



Happy Children learn more.

We aim to make learning fun every day of the week. From exploring the outdoor classroom space including the mud kitchen and climbing mound in Foundation Stage to participating in adventurous activities in the Lake District on the Y6 residential.

Fun weaves its way through all learning with teachers taking every opportunity to enhance the fun aspects of learning whenever possible.

There are whole school Theme Days (recently American Day and Back to the Future Day) as well as regular opportunities to celebrate e.g. World Book Day.

Day trips for all year groups, visitors to school, special events and longer residential visits all help to plant memories of fun that will last well beyond the children's time at Ecclesall.

ALL Fun...

"Dedication, hard work all the time, and belief."
— Cristiano Ronaldo

"Although **learning** is understandably the **priority**, I also feel the school supports **physical wellbeing, personal development, friendship** and the development of a **strong moral compass** - all balanced with being a **fun** place to be!"

— Y6 Parent

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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.

From the start of school, children are taught lifelong skills, how to keep themselves happy and healthy inside and out 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, 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 taught how to keep themselves healthy, safe and encouraged.

They are able to develop the skills and resilience to cope with challenges and ultimately be happy, confident individuals, who love life, school and learning.



ALL You.

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

- Oscar Wilde

"....love the **focus** on **kids** being **happy** and having **fun** too."

- Y1 Parent



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