

Ecclesall Primary School Parent Guide 2023-2024

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

Ecclesall Primary School is a friendly, happy 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/>

“Ecclesall Primary School is a vibrant place to learn. From children’s first days in Reception, staff and older pupils welcome everyone into the school community. Pupils are happy and motivated to learn. Ambition and striving to be the best you can be are part of the mind set at Ecclesall. A great start in early years provides children with the confidence to believe that anything is possible, no matter what their background and starting point may be” (Ofsted, January 2023). <http://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/ofsted/>

We have had five very successful years in our primary school with lots of new facilities including 15 new classrooms,, a studio and class kitchen, a large 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), an Ecclesall Hub, an additional playground for our younger children, a Sunflower room, a gardening/forest schools base, Teachers’ PPA room and two trim trails, one on both playgrounds. We have extensive grounds with a large wildlife area behind EYFS/Y1 area with an ECO greenhouse, pavilion and seating area and a community wildlife area that is currently becoming established. We are very proud of our school awards including our Green Flag with distinction 2023, Gold Active Travel Modeshift stars award 2023, Silver award for KS1 Sports, Silver award for KS2 Sports amongst others.

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.

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</u> <u>Opening times</u> <u>MONDAY – FRIDAY</u> <u>8.15am – 4.15pm</u></p>	<p><u>ECCLESALL STAFF CAR PARK</u></p> <p>The car park is for staff only with the exception of disabled access and official visitors before, during and after school. It is closed to ALL vehicles (apart from restricted access) between the following times: 8.30-9.00am & 3.00-3.30pm. Please use the walkway from High Storrs drive at all times.</p> <p>We have renewed our Green Flag and achieved GREEN FLAG ECO SCHOOLS with distinction in 2023. Our ECO team are meeting Olivia Blake, MP and Ben Miskell, local councillor to celebrate this achievement soon. We already have the Green Flag so will be receiving an additional new plaque for this recognition.</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 AND OTHER ALLERGIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.</p>	<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> Ecclesall Primary School follow the Health Protection Agency guidance which states 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 such as Calpol 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>
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Parking outside of school

As you are aware, we continue to work with Living Streets and Modeshift stars re ACTIVE TRAVEL. This Summer 2023, we achieved GOLD status for our Modeshift Stars award for Active travel. We use the WOW daily tracker encouraging the children to walk, scooter, bike, skip, or park and stride to school. We have many children who ride a scooter or bike to school and use the cycle store on our large playground.

Please ask your child about Active Travel as they take it very seriously and know that they help our school and community by educating their own families.

Reminder: Unfortunately, we have already had parents inform us of inconsiderate parking during the first two weeks of Autumn term 1 2023. We work closely with Modeshift Stars at the LA, the Transport department, other local schools and Parking enforcement officers who come out to the area to do spot checks regularly.

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

PE KIT

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

<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. 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Eat Smart Sheffield</u> 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)</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/name_labels/</p>
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<p><u>Trim trails on both the EYFS/ Y1 playground and the Y2-Y6 playground</u> 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. <u>Reminder:</u> Only Y3-Y6 children can use the monkey bars on the trim trail on the large playground. Y2 can go on the rest of the trim trail but not the monkey bars.</p>	<p><u>Ecclesall Primary school website</u> Please take a look at www.ecclesallprimary.co.uk</p> <p>It has a wealth of information including separate tabs re</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Welcome · Our school · Letters/forms · Curriculum · Parent Calendar · Governors · Gallery · Contact us · EPTFA 	<p><u>INSET dates:</u> Mon 4th Sept, Thurs 21st Dec, Fri 22nd Dec 2023, Mon 22nd July and Tues 23rd July 2024</p> <p>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.</p>
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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 these first two weeks and for how well our new Reception children have settled in their first week too. Very well done everyone! Thanks very much Emma Hardy