

**Welcome to
Taddington and Priestcliffe CE (A)
Primary School**



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Information for New Parents

Welcome to Taddington and Priestcliffe CE (A) Primary School. This is an exciting time for your family as your child begins their school life. We hope that your child will be very happy, and enjoy many achievements, while they are here. If you do have any concerns at all, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance, or if you wish to, arrange to see Mr Handley via the school office.

The School Day

The school day begins at 8.45am. Children are supervised in school from 8.35am. The school day ends for infants at 3.00pm, and all children are collected from the main playground at the side of the school. Parents are asked to wait to collect in this playground. Please inform us if you have to change your collection arrangements during the day, or if you will be late collecting your child. Ideally, please let the infant class teacher or Mrs Beswick know, in the morning, if your child is going home with someone else.

Parking

Parents must not park on the yellow lines outside the school gate.

Medicines

All medicines, including asthma inhalers and epi-pens/Jext pens which children may need at school must be handed in to the school office. They must be clearly labelled with the child's name, contents and exact dosage required and must be accompanied by a form signed by a parent giving permission and clear instructions for their administration (copies of this are available in the school office).

If your child has a more serious or long term medical condition such as a nut allergy, please ask for a health care plan which we need you to complete so that we have all relevant details about medication and care of your child.

School Uniform

We have set up an online uniform ordering system with 2 suppliers – Andrew Hyde Ltd and My Clothing. The website links are:

<http://www.ahyde.co.uk/>

<http://myclothing.com>

Payments

School now operates an online parent payment system, 'Parent Pay'. Information will be sent home explaining how to register for this.

School Fund

Like many schools today, parental contributions to the School Fund are much appreciated and gratefully received. This is calculated at £1 a week and can be paid via ParentPay in instalments or all at once, as you prefer. This money is used to pay for trips and visits as well as supplying junior children with a piece of fruit each day.

If you find you need to send money or forms to school, please ensure ALL money is sent in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name, the amount enclosed and what it is for, on the outside of the envelope. Envelopes and forms should be posted in the black postbox in the office.

Lost Property

There is a lost property box in the corridor. Lost property not collected by the end of the year will be donated to local charity shops.

School lunches

Our fabulous kitchen staff cook hot meals for all of our children on site daily. A Derbyshire Schools' Menu is regularly sent home. All infant children receive a universal free school meal and this includes a packed lunch whenever we go on school trips.

All pupils whose families are eligible to receive free meals (subject to qualifying criteria laid down by the Government), will be provided with a free hot meal each day at school once they are juniors. You can obtain information about eligibility for free school meals and an application form from the Head teacher or school office staff and any requests for further information on this matter will be dealt with in strict confidence. Although infant children already have a free school meal we would recommend that families who qualify still apply as our school budget is increased for every child on free school meals.

Children in our infant class receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day, usually at snack time, as part of the Government's scheme.

We ask all parents to please make sure that they notify us in writing of any allergies or dietary requirements your child may have, even if you have already provided us with this information. This may, for example, include if you would like your child to only have a vegetarian hot meal choice.

Equipment in school

Your child will need to bring **only** the following items to school with them:

- PE kit (a drawstring bag containing navy/ black PE shorts, plain t-shirt and a pair of pumps)
- A spare set of clothes for those children who are prone to 'accidents' during the day
- A reading folder (these can be purchased from the school office for 80p) or A4 plastic folder

Each child will be given a new water bottle for use in school. These are cleaned and sterilised weekly in school. We encourage our children to drink regularly throughout the day.

Reading Parents

We are always very pleased to hear from any parents who can spare a morning or afternoon on a regular basis to hear readers, or even those who could spare an occasional morning to help out. Please talk to the school office if you are interested.

Absences

If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please telephone the school before 9am each day of your child's illness. Details about exclusion periods for infectious illnesses are available from the school office.