

Welcome to
Taddington and Priestcliffe CE (A)
Primary School



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‘We Care About Each Other’

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 or Mrs Chapman via the school office.

The School Day

The school day begins at 8.35am. The school day ends at 3.05pm, and reception children will be brought outside under the Early Years Canopy and dismissed by a member of reception staff. Parents are asked to wait to collect children in the playground by the Reception classroom gate. 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 class teacher 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 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

Please ensure that your children's clothes and belongings are clearly labelled. 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.

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.

Free school meal entitlement

Even though reception children will receive a free infant meal it is still worth applying for free school meals now as this will benefit our school. Schools receive pupil premium in excess of £1,000 from the government for each child eligible for free school meals and this is used for additional teaching resources.

A lot of people don't apply for free school meals but it can save you over £400 per year as well as benefitting our school, and that's why we are continuing with our campaign to encourage all families to register regardless of whether they believe they may be eligible.

Apply here <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> or request an application form from the school office.

Equipment in school

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

- 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
- A refillable water bottle
- Outdoor wear for Forest Schools – waterproof outerwear (coat and trousers) and wellies in a bag to kept in school.

PE

We will inform you which day your child's class will be doing PE so please ensure that they come to school on that day wearing black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps for indoor PE days and loose fitting jogging bottoms, warm sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor PE days.

Forest Schools

We will inform you which day your child's class will be doing Forest Schools. We go outside for this session in all weathers so in winter please ensure they have plenty of layers, hats and gloves as well as the equipment held in school.

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.