

# Taddington and Priestcliffe C.E. (aided) Primary School



We care about each other



# Welcome

On behalf of the Governors and Staff of Taddington and Priestcliffe C.E. (A) Primary School, I would like to extend a warm welcome. We hope that you find the information this brochure contains useful, and that it gives a flavour of our school. We are proud of our kind, Christian school where our school motto is:

“we care about each other”.

Our whole school community works hard to make sure that our children reach their full potential. Our children’s time here is very important and we value the happy, welcoming and productive ethos of our school. We believe that our children will be successful when there are strong partnerships between home, school and our community. This brochure has been prepared to help you understand our values, aims, and how teaching and learning is organised within the school.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us at school.

We always welcome parents who wish to find out more about our school and would invite you to make an appointment to visit us.

Yours sincerely

Karen O’Connor

Headteacher  
Taddington and Priestcliffe CE (a) Primary School  
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## Message from the Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern The Lord Bishop of Derby

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13

Human life is about formation. From the miracle of being formed in the womb (Psalm 139 v13) the gift of life proceeds through formation of body, mind and spirit. The two key sites for such formation are the family and the school. In each environment the individual learns how to relate most fruitfully to others, and to accept the necessary "give and take" amidst the variety of God's world. Each of us has to learn a path of formation that allows our particular gifts to flourish, in relation to those of others, and within the context of the miraculous and often challenging world in which we are set.

As families are increasingly under pressure from all kinds of forces, schools have become more and more important as places within which spiritual, moral and physical formation can proceed. Church schools have a well earned and especially important reputation for holding together these three elements, to enable each person to best discover who they are, where they are going and for what they have been made.

It is in the person and example of Jesus Christ that every human story finds a template against which to be tested, transformed and invited into an ever richer sense of the gift of this life and the possibilities of the life to come. A Christian school enables this key formational story of Jesus the Christ to be part of the many rich resources that modern education offers to children and their families. A church school is a partnership between this gospel, its local representation through priest and congregation, the professionalism of head teacher, staff and governors, and the endeavours of parents to secure the richest and most satisfying development of their children. These resources mean that many parents who do not have a formal connection with the church still wish for their children to receive the gifts that formation in a church school can offer.

It is the policy of our diocese to offer the fullest possible formation to every pupil, their family, and the local community.

Alastair Derby



# Basic Information

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**School Name** Taddington & Priestcliffe C of E (Aided) Primary School

**Address** School Lane,  
Taddington,  
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**Telephone** (01298) 85278

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**Web Site** [www.taddingtonpriestcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.taddingtonpriestcliffe.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**Headteacher** Mrs K O'Connor

**Chair of Governors** Mrs J Skidmore

**Admission limit** 8

**Local Authority** Mr Ian Stephenson  
**Chief Education** Derbyshire County Council  
**Officer** Centre for School Improvement  
John Hadfield House  
Dale Road, MATLOCK  
Derbyshire DE4 3RD



# Staff and Governors

Headteacher: Mrs K O'Connor BA(QTS), MEd

Teachers  
Miss S Bellicoso  
Miss E Chapman  
Mrs S Gallagher  
Mrs A Williams

Classroom Assistants: Mrs C Beswick Mrs D Gould  
Mrs L Storey Mrs L Rose

Senior Clerk: Mrs C Parsons

Clerical Assistants: Mrs D Gould Mrs L Storey

Catering Unit Supervisor: Mrs J Mycock

Kitchen Assistant: Mrs L Cooper

Senior Mid-day Supervisor: Mrs C Beswick

Mid-day Supervisor: Miss H Pilkington

Cleaner-in-charge: Mr P Wood

## SCHOOL GOVERNORS

### Governors

Mrs S Redfern  
Mrs C Boam  
Mrs C Labio  
Mrs O'Connor  
Mr S Bates (Vice Chair)  
Mrs C Payne  
Miss S Bellicoso  
Mrs J Skidmore (Chair)  
Mrs H Smith  
Mrs S Bamping  
Vacant  
Mrs M Teeboon

### Appointed/Elected by

Diocesan Board of Education (Parent)  
Diocesan Board of Education  
Diocesan Board of Education  
Headteacher Ex Officio  
Trustees of Roger Wilkson Charity  
Parent Governor  
Teacher Governor  
Local Education Authority  
Trustees of Roger Wilkson Charity  
Foundation Ex Officio - Vicar (Substitute)  
Diocesan Board of Education (Parent)  
Diocesan Board of Education

The Clerk to the Governors

Mrs Laura McNulty



# Aims and Vision

As Governors, Staff and Parents our collective aim for the School is that all pupils and staff should have the opportunity and encouragement to fulfil their own individual potential. We offer a safe and caring environment for learning which stimulates high personal expectations through strong and focused leadership.

Whilst the school is eager to embrace new ideas and technology and give pupils every advantage of those innovations available, traditional educational values remain, and are underpinned and influenced by the strong Christian ethos of our Voluntary Aided Church of England School. These values are further strengthened and encouraged by continuing the essential links and support for and from the local community, which all help to inspire our pupils into becoming respectful, caring and committed individuals.

*"The school's work to promote pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding"*

(OFSTED June 2014)



## Quotes from pupils

*At playtime if the weather is bad we can play under the awning - Lizzie*

*We have awesome dinners and the teachers are really fun - Bea*

*We've got an outdoor classroom in our woods - Izzy*

*Our school is packed with loads of amazing stuff to learn about - Douglas*

*Lots of crosses to pray with and use in Collective Worship - Jake*





# Our PFA



There is a thriving Parents and Friends of the School Association who support the school by organising fun fundraising events for children and their families. This enables the school to provide items that would not be attainable from our school budget. The PFA has provided many fabulous things for the school including toys for the infant classroom, library books and shelving, e readers, music, art and maths equipment and school furniture. We are happy to have the support of parents in many ways in school, helping with school visits, hearing children read and of course fund raising! If you are interested in helping the school, please see the Headteacher or a member of the teaching staff.



# Curriculum

The Governors and staff at Taddington and Priestcliffe CE (a) Primary School are very proud of our academic achievements and continually seek to improve the learning experiences of our pupils through a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.

In our small school we strongly believe our children benefit greatly by working in appropriate groups specific to their ability and personal learning needs.

The content of the curriculum taught in school is largely determined by the requirements of the new National Curriculum 2014.



The National Curriculum for primary children consists of three core subjects (English, Mathematics and Science), foundation subjects (Technology, History, Geography, Art, Music, Computing, MFL for KS2 and Physical Education) and Religious Education.

The national curriculum is delivered through a combination of subject lessons and cross-curricular topics. The school recognises the overriding importance of basic language and mathematical skills and gives due emphasis to these.

The children are taught in three classes - Rec/Y1/Y2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6, for the majority of lessons.

All curriculum policies are available for parents to view on request.





# Health Education

All children are taught weekly PSHE lessons following the Derbyshire Community Health Service 'ASK' scheme.

We promote healthy eating and physical exercise. All children are provided with a piece of fruit each playtime.

Sex education forms a small part of the wider curriculum for health education in the school. The school nurse, doctor and school dentist are regular visitors who talk to the children about safety, diet and other health topics. During the final years at school, the pupils will also be shown a DVD which explains aspects of puberty and growing up. Parents may view the DVD we use.





# SEND

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We pride ourselves in ensuring that all of our children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum which is carefully matched to their individual needs. Where children are not making the desired progress within the structure of the class work then class teachers, along with parents and other professionals, will plan and deliver specifically tailored work to enable children to maintain progress.

Some children may have learning difficulties or other disabilities which cannot be fully met from the current resources within the school. In such circumstances, and with the permission of the parents, the school is able to call on support from the local education authority. We have a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Policy in school which is available on request.



*“The progress made by disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs is at least good. Some of these pupils make excellent progress.”*  
(OFSTED June 2014)



# Sport

The school aims to make sport accessible and enjoyable to all. The PE curriculum is planned to include a wide variety of sports, dance, gymnastics and swimming. Initially, emphasis is placed on skills acquisition. Traditional sports include football, rugby, rounders, running and netball with clubs run after school for junior children. Athletics skills are taught in the summer term. Junior children also go swimming.



Our facilities include 2 yards, a hall and large field. We have a wide variety of equipment.

Outside agencies regularly offer coaching sessions in football, basketball and multi-skills.



# Behaviour

Children at Taddington and Priestcliffe have excellent behaviour. Adults and children in school are all treated with respect and manners are of high importance. Children are expected to follow the school and class rules and are rewarded for their effort, attainment and behaviour through certificates, stickers, notes and texts home and displays around school.

At Taddington School our approach to any problems with bullying in school is to be always open-minded and vigilant. This entails not simply being 'on the spot' should an incident take place, but listening to others when they report any incidents and acting swiftly and fairly.







# Extra-Curricular

We are able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to junior children. These are recorder, choir, art, band, drama, gardening, tag rugby, football training, cookery and school council. Peripatetic staff visit the school weekly to teach strings, woodwind, keyboard, guitar and percussion.







# Homework

Children are encouraged to take reading books home and read for a short time each evening. Mathematics homework will be sent home each week as part of the National Curriculum. Older children will also have spellings and tables to take home and learn. The children are often asked to find information and bring items of interest into school for topic work. Further homework is offered where appropriate with the support and involvement of parents.





# Community

There are many ways in which parents can help in the daily life of the school. Some of these involve very little time and some a greater commitment, but all are valuable. We hold community lunches every Wednesday for parents and carers as well as local residents.



Parents and volunteers in the classroom

A number of parents and volunteers are, at present, helping in the classroom with activities such as reading, cooking and sewing. If you would like to be involved in this way please contact school.

Children are often taken on visits to enrich and enliven project work and help is needed to accompany groups on these outings.





# After School Club

## Taddington Explorers

Taddington Explorers is a new charity run and organised by a group of committed and hard-working parents. As of autumn 2016 this group of parents is preparing to re-establish the school's After School Club.

They anticipate that the club will eventually run from 3pm-6pm daily, term time only. It will be for children aged 3-11 and run by experienced and qualified staff and be OFSTED registered.

It will offer children a safe, stimulating environment after school. The club will require children to be registered and sessions to be booked in advance. The activities on offer will be planned but flexible dependant on the children's wishes.

The club aims to help children develop to their full potential through the activities on offer. These include: games; outdoor equipment; arts and crafts; themed days, etc.

### **COSTS:**

Are yet to be confirmed

For any information or queries or details on registering a child, contact school.

**EMPHASIS AT ALL TIMES IS ON FUN!**

### **Useful numbers:**

Taddington School: 01298 85278