

# Little Eaton Primary School

## Welcome to our school!

Little Eaton Primary School is a happy, successful school serving the village of Little Eaton and the surrounding area – from Chester Green to Denby, Allestree to Oakwood

We are very proud of our school and children, who are lively and enthusiastic learners. They enjoy coming to school and are always keen to join in and do well. They are keen to try new things and have access to a wide range of resources.

We want children's learning to be real and vivid, to challenge and motivate them to do well as they become increasingly independent.

We recognize the vital place of basic literacy and numeracy skills and understanding, whilst also being committed to providing a broad and balanced education which recognizes and develops the talents and abilities of individual children.

# Admissions

## Reception

Children are admitted to our Reception class in September.

Children have a short period of attending school for the morning only at the start of the year to get used to the new routines. After that, they all come full time.

Parents have to apply to the Local Authority who control all admissions to the school. Details are available from Derbyshire County Council on their website at:

[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools\\_colleges/school\\_admissions/primary/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools_colleges/school_admissions/primary/default.asp)

The planned admissions number for this school is 30.

## Children's visits

Children starting in Reception will be offered the chance to visit the school before their start date.

This helps them to start school with confidence.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet staff and hear about the plans for the first weeks in school.

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## Other year groups

If you need a place in a year group other than Reception, an application still has to be made to Derbyshire County Council, using the link above, who continue to make all admissions decisions.

The majority of children moving on from Little Eaton at the end of Year 6 go to Ecclesbourne, in Duffield.

Coming to Little Eaton does not guarantee a place at any particular school in Year 7 and every year children leave Little Eaton and move successfully to a range of local secondary schools.

## Settling into school

Most children settle into school really quickly but we realise that it can be an anxious time for parents. Children starting school for the first time have a chance to visit in the summer term, and then they will be at school for the mornings only for a few weeks whilst they get used to the routine in September.

If children are moving to Little Eaton from another school, we will receive information about them from that school. We will also want information from you about your child to make sure that they are settling in successfully.

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# A Safe Place

We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

All children are special and we work hard to provide an accessible and stimulating environment which cares for the diverse needs of all children.

Every child has a right to fair and appropriate treatment. Being fair does not mean that all children get exactly the same. It means that all children get what they need.

We will do everything we can to protect your children.

In cases where the school has reason to be concerned about a child we may involve other agencies, such as Social Care, as appropriate.

The school will not first inform parents of concerns in cases where a child's safety may be further compromised by doing so.

If you have any worries or concerns about the safety of your children, or you think that it might be helpful to talk to someone in private about any issues, you are always welcome to come and see us for a chat and to share ideas or information.

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# Learning at Little Eaton

There are stages for the different age groups known as “key stages”. These help everyone to know what their children are learning at various stages.

In our school, we have:

Early Years Foundation Stage: 4 and 5 year old children

Key Stage 1: 5 – 7 year olds in Years 1 and 2

Key Stage 2: 7 – 11 year olds in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

## Early Years Foundation Stage

Our curriculum in the early years aims to ensure that children have a balanced and broad experience. Young children need plenty of time to explore and experiment for themselves, they need to play and interact with other children and adults.

Above all, they need to have fun, enjoy being together and learn about getting on with other children and behaving well.

Children in the early years will spend some time working directly with adults, some engaged in activities where adults are occasionally involved, and some time choosing and being independent in their choice of activity. All of these are very important in allowing children grow into successful, independent young learners.

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# Key Stages 1 and 2

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 children follow the National Curriculum

The National Curriculum for primary children includes 10 subject areas:

- English and Maths
- Science
- History and Geography
- Art and Design Technology
- Music
- Physical Education
- Computing



Often we work through themes where several curriculum areas are addressed under one heading, for example, a history topic on Vikings which includes art work, geography, design technology and literacy.

Religious Education is also part of our curriculum, as is Personal and Social Education.

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# Learning beyond the classroom

A range of trips and visits provide opportunities for children to learn outside the classroom. We have visits during each year to places of interest and older children have the opportunity to take part in residential trips.

From time to time we offer other activities such as cycle training, participation in arts festivals and a variety of sports events.

There are a range of after school clubs and activities which children can participate in. Some are free and some are paid for.

We have a number of visiting instrumental teachers who provide private lessons on piano, clarinet and guitar through the Derbyshire Music Partnership.

## Special Educational Needs

There is a wide range of help that we are able to provide for children as they progress through school and there is no typical 'special educational need'.

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Many children will benefit from some additional support to help them achieve as much as they are able. It may be that the additional support will be given from the class teacher or from other teachers or teaching assistants in school.

In some circumstances, classroom assistants will work with individual children at certain times of the day. Other children may have additional teaching time.

We are also able to call upon the special skills of the Educational Psychology Service or other specialist agencies. We aim to ensure that the needs of all the children in school can be met in a way that allows them full access to our school curriculum.

Additional support may only be necessary for a short time or it may be necessary throughout a child's time in school. In each case, parents are consulted about their children's progress and the support given.

Some children will have an Individual Learning or Support Plan. This will identify the particular area of work that we will be supporting. It will be reviewed regularly with parents and children.



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# The School Day

Reception and Key Stage One: 8.50 a.m. - 3.25 p.m.

Key Stage Two: 8.50 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Children should arrive on the playground in time for the bell ringing at 8.50am.

If children are even 5 minutes late, they can miss the introduction to activities and feel that they are not part of their class. Please make sure that you are punctual -this is so important to children's learning and well-being so PLEASE get it right!



## Coming to school and going home

Parents of young children bring them to the top playground at school at the start of the day. At the end of the day, children come out to their parents on the top playground again. Please tell us if there are any changes as to who will meet your child.

If you need to speak to the teacher, you are welcome to come into school but please remember that there is a great deal to prepare for each day's teaching. There is usually more time to exchange information at the end of the day unless something is very urgent.

At the end of the day children in the lower classrooms collect their belongings from the cloakrooms and meet their parents outside on the playground, close to the classroom.

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# Breakfast and After-School Club

We operate an extended school provision.

In the morning, school is open from 7.30am for our Breakfast Club, where children can come and have breakfast before starting school.

The club is paid for on daily basis and no booking is needed.

We currently charge £4.50 per day.

Our After School Club is open from 3.30pm until 5pm.

A session costs £6.

Charges are reviewed occasionally and may change. Please check with the office for current information.

To use the after-school provision, advanced booking is needed to be sure of a place.

Children can use this either on an occasional basis, or 5 days a week.

We can sometimes accommodate last minute requests for a place – but we cannot guarantee this.



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# Bad weather

Very occasionally, if we have very severe weather and feel that it would be unsafe for the children, or if staff are unable to reach school, we will close the school. Notice of closure would be sent by text as early as possible.

The most frequent cause of closure is heavy snowfall and this may happen overnight so you could have quite short notice.



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# Attendance

Absenteeism is not normally a problem at Little Eaton but we are required by law to keep a record of reasons for children's absence from school.

If your child is not well enough to come to school, please ring us as soon as possible and let us know. If we do not hear from you, we will text to check that children are all accounted for.

If absence becomes a concern, the Education Welfare Service may get involved to resolve any problems.

We cannot authorize absences in term time for holidays. However, we are able to authorize absence in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Absence which has not been authorized can be subject to a penalty notice issued by Derbyshire County Council.



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# Food

All children may stay in school over the lunch break to have either a school dinner or a packed lunch brought from home. School dinners are excellent and we do encourage all pupils to try them. There is always a choice on offer.

At the moment, all children in Key Stage 1 receive a free school meal every day as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

School meals cost £3.25 each (September 2023) and all dinner money should be paid via Parent Pay.

If children change from having school dinners to sandwiches, you must give two weeks notice to the office.

You can find out more at:

<https://derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/catering-school-meals.aspx>



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# Free School Meals

If you have a low income or claim benefits, you may qualify to claim free school dinners. Relevant information is available from the office in confidence or at

<https://derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/catering-school-meals.aspx>

We would really encourage you to claim free meals if you are entitled, even if you do not always use them and even if your child will receive free infant meals.

The other positive thing about free school meals is that the school budget increases if more families claim. This helps us provide even better facilities for all children.



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# Governors

The role of a school governor is most commonly described as a 'critical friend'. The governing body provide challenge and support for the school to provide the best possible education for all the children.

The governing body comprises parents, the head teacher, other school staff and community and local authority governors. Together, this group has a strategic overview of the school.

# Fundraising

We have an active and supportive Fundraising Group which arranges events for children and families.

They raise very valuable funds to support the school and welcome any support from parents, carers and friends of the school.

To find out more, visit the fundraising page on the school website or the fundraising Facebook page.

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# Illness and medical needs

If a pupil has a serious or recurring medical problem, it is essential that parents inform the school so that the staff are well informed.

The school does not normally administer medicines to children. The exception is where a child has prescribed medication which has to be taken in the school day and they are fit for school otherwise. In such a case parents need to complete a form available from the office. All children requiring the use of an inhaler should have one with them in school at all times.

If your child is too ill for school or is unable to attend for any other reason please telephone school on the first day of the absence **and** send a note when he or she returns.

If your child is taken ill at school or has an accident we will contact you. If you are not available we will contact the person you have named on your 'Pupil Information' form. Therefore, it is important that you tell us of any change of telephone number or address of all contacts. We may recommend that children feeling unwell would be happier at home in which case we would ask you to collect them as soon as possible.

If your child is sick [vomits] they should not return to school for 48hours after the last event.

We have a number of staff members who are trained in First Aid. If we feel that a child needs more significant medical attention we would always try to contact you.

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# Uniform

The School expects children to wear appropriate clothing for school each day. This can be official school uniform or clothing in the school colour of navy blue.

The uniform is available from Morleys in Chaddesden where you can try on different items or from their website: [www.schoolwearcentre.co.uk](http://www.schoolwearcentre.co.uk)

You can also buy uniform from Uniformity in Borrowash or from their website: [www.uniformity.co.uk/](http://www.uniformity.co.uk/)

Children should wear flat soled, black school shoes. Shoes designed for the beach or the football pitch are not suitable.

Regular PE is an important part of the curriculum that we provide for children. A pair of black or navy shorts, a white tee-shirt and plimsolls are needed. It is useful if these can be kept in a draw-string bag. When the weather gets colder, it is useful for children to bring some warm clothing, such as a tracksuit, to wear for outdoor sporting activities as we will carry on using the outdoors all year long.

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# Contact us

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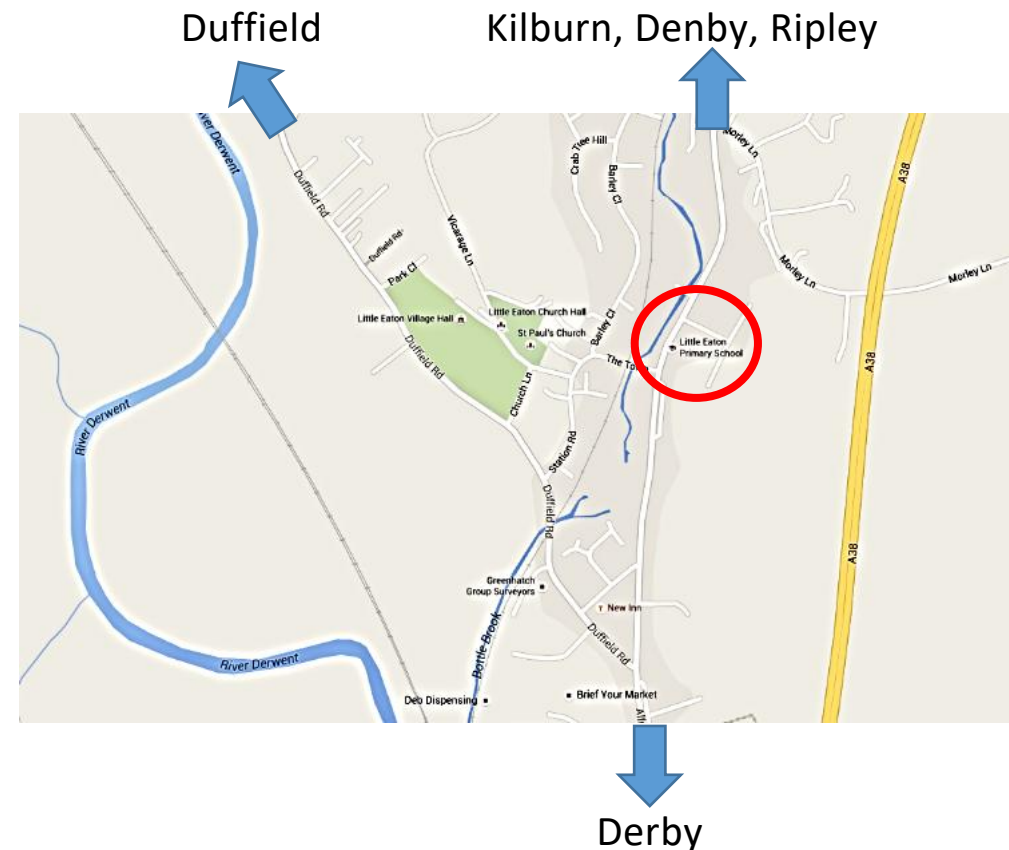
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