

About our School

Dinting is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School provided by the Church of England trustees to serve, principally, persons resident in and around the parish of Holy Trinity, Dinting. It provides for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years and is aided by the Derbyshire County Council as Local Authority.

The original building dates from 1874 with an extension which was rebuilt in 2000. We currently have five classes and pupils benefit from favourable pupil teacher ratios. Our school has a very wide range of facilities from pupil laptops, Ipads, interactive whiteboards in all classrooms as well as the sunshine room. The sunshine room is a comfortable space where children can have time out and have their needs made in a safe space as well as additional academic support if required. In school is a recently refurbished library and sunshine room. We are also fortunate to have extensive school grounds including a garden with raised beds, outdoor woodland classroom, trim trail, playground, outdoor library and a large sports field.

Dinting Primary School is a thriving and successful primary school in the heart of Glossop. We believe in a holistic and creative approach to education, developing active, informed and enquiring minds as well as active, creative, healthy bodies.

Staff at Dinting Primary are a hardworking, committed and highly qualified group of professionals who will ensure the very best provision for your child during their time at our school. It is essential we work in partnership with you and we seek your support in all that we do at school.

Award

Our website offers lists of events, photos and links to useful websites for parents, carers and children. Weekly newsletters are published and latest school information can be found there also.

This booklet is intended to introduce you to our school. We normally encourage all new parents to visit us on a normal working day so that you can see how our school works, talk to staff and pupils. However, during the current lockdown and schools unable to allow visitors on site, we are unable to allow new parent visits. If after reading this booklet you have any further questions, please contact school and we will be more than happy to talk to you via email or telephone.

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Our Vision Statement

The school's vision statement is taken from Matthew 22 verse 39,

“Love Your Neighbour as yourself.”

Dinting School aims to create a happy, secure, stimulating and challenging learning environment, in which each child can develop to their full potential. Dinting School aims to create a family atmosphere in which Christian care is offered to all members of the school community.

Christian values are built into the ethos and teaching at Dinting School, promoting attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility.

This applies to everyone, everywhere in our school community.



Admissions

At Dinting Primary School, we operate a one-point entry system in line with Derbyshire County Council Admissions Policy. All children are admitted in the September term. Application is made using the common application form which is returned directly to the LEA on line. The Governors are permitted to admit 20 reception children during the 2020/21 school year. As an Aided school the Governors retain the right to consider applications from parents that are passed on by the LA. In the event of places being oversubscribed, the Governors will take into account the following criteria:

- Children looked after in public care
- Children resident in the ecclesiastical parish of Holy Trinity Dinting:
a map is available in school
- Children who will have siblings in school on the date that they will take up the

place (siblings are brothers and sisters, as well as step, adopted or fostered brothers and sisters resident at the same address).

Children of whom at least one parent or carer has regularly (Regular means an average attendance of once per month) worshipped at their local church for a period of at least one year prior to the date of application and Church attendance must be verified by a letter, from the relevant priest, minister or churchwarden.

- (the application should be supported by a letter, signed by a priest, minister or pastor indicating regularity and duration of church attendance)
- Other children whose parents have requested a place

Tie Breaker

In the event of Governors having to make a choice between applications of equal strength, places will be allocated on the basis of those children living nearest to the school (measured by the nearest available route).

Appeals

If the Governors refuse to admit a child, parents wishing to appeal, will receive a letter from the Authority advising them of their right to appeal.

Starting School

This is a special time in your child's life and your help in ensuring a smooth transition into school is very important. Be very positive with your child – even if you're feeling sad that your little one is growing up!

In the summer term prior to starting school in September, parents are invited to attend an evening meeting to meet the class teacher and Head teacher and to listen to a short presentation about what to expect whilst at Dinting. There will also be a New Starter's booklet provided which is full of information to help parent and child settle into our school by giving an insight into what we do. All children are invited to spend some time at school to meet Mrs Gill, become familiar with the classroom and some of the routines. Parents are also offered an individual meeting to discuss any individual concerns they may have prior to their child starting full time education.

The LEA issues information packs for applying to secondary schools to all Year 6 pupils and their families early in the Autumn Term. We will also remind you of closing dates for the applications in our newsletter.

Attendance

Everyone involved with our school values good attendance and we continually strive to ensure all children attend regularly and on time.

We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. We do all we can to encourage the children to attend and to put in place appropriate procedures and support. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is the development of positive attitudes towards school. To this end, we strive to make our school a happy and rewarding experience for all children. It is essential that children learn good habits from the very start of their school career and good attendance is vital for a rewarding school experience.

Our attendance policy provides details of the procedures and expectations for all aspects of attendance and is available to view on the school website.

We take a very pro-active approach to attendance and will not accept or tolerate poor attendance unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you have any concerns or queries please come into school and speak to a member of staff.

If a pupil's attendance is 85% or below, this is the equivalent of them missing a FULL MONTH of education each year! The target for pupil's attendance is 97%.

Absence

Any absence, for whatever reason, has a detrimental effect on children's progress and attainment and we are obliged to monitor and report all absences.

Please don't book holidays in term time. We know that this can save families money but education is precious and there are 13 weeks when we are not in school, plenty of time for a holiday!

From September 2013 Governing Bodies have received detailed guidance from the Department for Education on pupils taking leave during term time. In line with government guidance, the governors at Dinting have resolved that the Headteacher will only authorise holiday during term time in exceptional circumstances, no other leave will be authorised. See the school attendance policy for more information.

Keep us informed

It is important you inform school if your child is not in school. Please contact school to explain an absence. Unexplained absences are recorded as unauthorised (truancy). If we have not received an explanation for an absence we will endeavour to contact home to confirm the child's absence, phone calls are made after registration has closed. This is to ensure children who have left home and are walking to school arrive on the premises. If we have not had a conversation to explain an absence please send a written note on return to school. If we do not receive an explanation for an absence you will be asked to complete a slip and return to school, this will be sent home with your child when they return to school.

School Information

School Day:

Start of school 8.45am

Morning playtime 10.15-10.30am

Lunch Time 12.00-1.00pm

End of school day 3.00pm

Children are allowed to enter the school building from 8.35am to engage in improvement time. This is a time for children to receive work that has been marked and provides an opportunity to respond to comments given by the teacher. Children may wait in the school playground prior to 8.35am but please note they are not the responsibility of the school. Teachers are busy in the morning getting ready for the day ahead and they are not available to supervise children before this time. At 8.35am teachers will escort their class into the classroom, ready for the day ahead.

At the end of the school day please collect your child promptly at 3.00pm. A member of staff supervises the gate at home time. Please inform school if someone other than their parent is collecting your child, or if they are walking home alone. As a parent you are responsible for your child's safe journey to and from school.

School Uniform

We feel that school uniform is attractive, sensible and economical and creates a school identity. We ask parents to encourage their children to wear the following:

Red sweatshirt/cardigan

Grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts.

White polo shirt

Red checked summer dress

Black shoes, trainers are not to be worn in school.

The children will need a P.E. Kit consisting of the following:

Plain white T Shirt

Black shorts

Pumps or trainers for outdoor activities

The kit should be contained in a named drawstring bag

We ask that all your child's clothing and footwear is labelled. At the end of every term a large amount of unclaimed personal property is sent to charity shops because nobody claims the missing items

We ask for every child to have a school book bag to keep their school reading book in and to bring home any correspondence. We do not have sufficient space for large individual bags in school.

PE kit bags as well as book bags can be purchased from school and are on sale from the office

Please do not send your child to school wearing jewellery. If your child has pierced ears, studs should be worn. However, these cannot be worn during P.E. or swimming and they must be removed or covered with plasters, which you must provide, a consent form regarding pierced ears must be completed and returned to school and is available from the office.

Members of staff will provide somewhere safe for jewellery to be kept during PE lessons but cannot be held responsible for any items that go missing

School Staff

Our current school staff are:

Lynn Elliott

Head teacher

Class teachers

Michael Wilson

(Senior teacher)

Michelle Worrell

Joshua Bailey

Lois Gill

Orla Brown

Neil Hobson

Helena Worrell

School Business Officer

Kath Cox

Teaching Assistants

Gil Davies

Tracey Harper

Mike Halliwell

Kirsty Gambles

Leanne France

Alan Healey
Jayne MacAlinden

Jackie Theobald
Hazel Dunne

Mike Halliwell
Pauline Purdy
Jayne MacAllinden
Lisa Highsted
Kitty Gaprindashvilli

Gil Davies
Mike Halliwell
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Mike Halliwell
Kirsty Gambles

Pupil Support Worker

Caretaker
Cleaner

Cook-in-Charge
Canteen Assistant

Lunchtime Play Leader
Assistant Mid-day Supervisors

Breakfast Club Leader
Breakfast Club Assistant
After School Club Leader
After School Club Assistant
After School Club Assistant



Governors

The schools Governors are responsible for the appointment and employment of all staff (except kitchen staff), the school's finances, and the exterior fabric of the building and the general educational character of the school. They meet regularly throughout the year. As a Church Aided School the majority of the Governors are appointed by the Church, including some parents and staff. All can be contacted through the school.

Kate Gee
Lynn Elliott

Ian Rigg
Vicky Jones
Philip Ronson
Sue Davies

Chair of Governors
Headteacher

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Vince Ryder	Foundation
Kate Gee	Foundation
Rev Nick Gurney	Foundation
Joy Gillies	Foundation
Damien Greenhalgh	Local Authority
Joshua Bailey	Staff
Kim Clarke	Parent
Clare Wild	Clerk

School Meals

The school has its own kitchen on site and cooked meals are prepared fresh each day. Unlike most schools our children select their menu choice daily from a selection of two/three choices during registration, this ensures they receive their choice of lunch every day.

Dinner money should be paid through Parent Pay. You will receive log in details for this once your child starts school. Parents should ensure that dinner money is paid in advance as chasing up arrears takes up a large amount of the school business officers time. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch following Government funding arrangements. We encourage all parents to take the free lunch although you may provide a packed lunch if you wish.

Please contact the school business officer in confidence if you feel you may be eligible to free school meals. There is additional funding for all children in receipt of a free school meal, which will be used to support additional resources for your child.

Children are also able to bring packed lunches if they wish but please ensure that these are healthy and nutritious as a poor lunch has a damaging effect on children's learning in the afternoons.



Healthy School Policy- fruit and milk

At Dinting Primary School we believe that healthy bodies are as important as healthy minds. We are part of the national fruit scheme, which means that all children up to 7 years old receive a free piece of fruit each day- bananas, satsumas, apples, carrots and sometimes strawberries and tomatoes.

No other snacks are allowed in school.

Children under the age of 5 receive a free glass of milk every day. If your child is aged 5 or over you may purchase milk for them each day. We use a company called 'Cool Milk' to provide the milk and parents must register and pay on line if this is something your child

would like. A member of staff serves the milk each morning playtime. See the school website for further details.

Every child is given a school drink bottle. These can be filled with fresh water from the classroom tap and are freely available to children throughout the day. The bottles are regularly washed and sterilised but should not be brought home.

Medicines in School

If your child is on a course of prescribed medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please contact the school office and complete a medicines form. We are happy to administer medicines if the necessary paper work has been completed. Please make sure all medicines are delivered and collected from school by an adult, children should not have the medicine in their book bag during the school day.

Asthma inhalers are kept in the classrooms in a centrally located bag. It is the responsibility of parents to check the inhaler regularly and replace as required.

Behaviour

Children should, first and foremost, learn habits of good behaviour at home.

Behaviour for learning at our school is excellent! This is a shared responsibility between home and school and we expect all parents to support us in maintaining good levels of discipline, politeness and respect within our school community.

We aim to create a school environment in which we look after each other and are kind and considerate. We all have responsibility to consider other people's feelings and needs and we expect others to consider ours. We have a system of assertive discipline in school where there is a set of rules which must be adhered to by all children. These rules are simple ones, pertaining to the way they behave and respond to each other and the adults with whom they have contact. On the rare occasion when children choose not to follow this code of behaviour it will be discussed with them and may result in them being given a warning card and loss of privileges. In the case of serious and persistent misbehaviour, the child's parents will be informed and requested to take appropriate supportive action.

Wrap Around Care

We have a wonderful breakfast club called the Filling Station, aimed at ensuring children have a great start to the day and offering a valuable service to working parents. The Filling Station is open from 7.30am-8.45am daily and children are offered a selection of breakfast foods and a drink for £5.00 per day. We also offer a later session that starts at 8.00am-8.45am and children receive a slice of toast and a drink for the cost of £3.00 per day.

We also offer after school care for all our pupils. All children receive a drink and snack on arrival in the session. Children who are collected by 4.30pm the cost is £3.00 per session and if children are staying until 5.30pm they are given tea and the cost is £6.00 per session. If children are not collected from the playground at the end of the school day by 3.10pm they will be placed in emergency child care with our after school provision and parents will be charged for the first session at a cost of £3.00 per child.

All children are welcome to attend any of the above sessions but a booking form must be completed prior to a child attending and all sessions are then booked and paid for using Parent Pay.

Dinting FUNdraisers

We also run a Friends of Dinting School group. All parents are welcome to join in this vital fundraising team who organise events and fun days for the children all aimed at raising money to fund trips and essential items for all the children at Dinting School.



The Curriculum

Much of the curriculum is taught in cross-curricular sessions. We find that this really helps us to provide more personalised approaches that the children enjoy. Teachers and children will often plan aspects of the topic together and they all include a 'wow' moment as a celebration of the work completed.

We also have a number of whole school theme days with an art, music, RE, History, Design/technology focus. These days are particular favourites.

Further details of what we cover and how we deliver specific subjects is available on our website.



Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

The EYFS begins when a child reaches the age of three. Most children have access to the EYFS at nursery or pre-school which is then continued into the Reception year at school.

Young children need to feel happy and secure within their environment and parents need to feel comfortable and involved in their child's learning. We work hard to provide appropriate learning opportunities and experiences which together with a caring and stimulating environment provide the foundation on which all other learning takes place.

We take into account the knowledge and understanding gained from children's past experiences, their previous learning and present stage of development and build upon it. Planned and structured play forms a large part of the EYFS curriculum.

The EYFS curriculum is organised into seven areas of learning:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Literacy
- Mathematical development
- Understanding the world
- Physical development
- Creative development

Children in Reception follow the EYFS Curriculum and work towards the early learning goals with access to the Key Stage One Curriculum.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 study Key Stage One National Curriculum

The children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 study the Key Stage Two National Curriculum.



Caring for your child

Safeguarding

The Governing Body and Staff at Dinting Primary School undertake to provide, as far as is reasonably practicable, an environment which is safe and free from risk to the health of the children, staff and visitors. This includes the provision of work equipment which is free from

defects and in safe condition, systems of work which are safe and free from risk as far as possible.

All staff have a shared responsibility to communicate concerns about health and safety and ensure that information is communicated to other staff and the governing body. Regular checks of the premises are made by governors, staff representatives and the Headteacher to ensure that a safe working environment is maintained.

All staff/adults working regularly in school have an enhanced DBS check.

Parents should be aware that the school is required to take reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill treatment, neglect, or other forms of abuse, the Head teacher is obliged to follow the child protection procedures established by the Derbyshire Area Child Protection Committee, and to inform Social Services of the concern.

We have access to a comprehensive range of professional support services. The designated senior lead is Mrs. Lynn Elliott. All staff and Governors receive regular training around child protection.

It is a legal requirement that provide two emergency contact names and numbers and inform us of any changes which may occur.

Data Protection

Information about pupils is held on the office computer, and as such comes under the Data Protection Act 1998. Security measures are taken to ensure that the information remains confidential and available to authorised staff only.

Security

All visitors enter the building through the main front door. Access is only granted by an adult member of school staff, pupils are not allowed to open the door under any circumstances. Visitors are asked to sign the visitor's book which is a security record and a health and safety requirement.

Health and Safety

We regularly undertake risk assessments throughout the school.

We have termly fire drills so that everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire.

Aspects of health and safety are taught in PSHE and across other curriculum areas.

Equal Opportunities

Dinting Primary has an equal opportunities policy for staff and children to support inclusion throughout the school.

The National Curriculum supports an entitlement to areas of learning and development of knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes necessary for children's development as responsible citizens, irrespective of their social background, culture, race, gender, ability and disabilities. Care will be given to ensure that teaching materials are non-discriminatory.