

Comparing Vidyodaya School and Nettleham Junior School

- To explore school life at the Adivasi (tribal) school in Gudalur
- To compare and contrast school life in Gudalur with school life in the UK

Chembakolli village lies in the Nilgiri Hills in southern India. Adivasi people have lived there for centuries, respecting and nurturing the forest, land and soil.

However, there is no school for the Adivasi people in Chembakolli, only a small pre-school. The closest school is Vidyodaya School in Gudalur and is over 2km walk away with an additional jeep ride. Vidyodaya is a primary school that takes children up to 14 years old.



Read through the information pack about Vidyodaya School and have a look at the video on YouTube linked below: (Have a look at what is happening in the video and the setting)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUzpEDhAKr4>

(Vidyodaya Adivasi School in Gudalur – a video made by children from the school in 2012)



Task: To create a presentation to compare Vidyodaya and Nettleham Junior School

Create a presentation (using PowerPoint, Word etc. or it can be created by hand) that compares Vidyodaya School with Nettleham Junior School.

You may wish to compare/consider:

- The setting and buildings
- The facilities and equipment available
- Who is taught at the school?
- What lessons are taught at the school?
What routines are in place (normally!)?
- What do the children do at break and lunchtimes?
- What extra roles do the children have at the school?
- How do children get to and from school?
- Do the children have the same hopes and dreams in each school?

