

# Spalding St Paul's Primary



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Personal Excellence

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## School Information

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What a great start the children have had this term. There is lots of great working going on in the classrooms as well as lots of outdoor learning. Due to the current Covid-19 situation we are still restricting access to school in order to keep pupils, their families and staff safe and this is why we have not been able to invite parent and carers into school to share with you the lovely work which is happening. We will continue to keep these restrictions in place. However, if you do need to speak to a member of staff there are always staff around at the beginning of the school day who will be happy to pass on messages or you can contact staff through our enquiries email. Please ensure you use this email for official information sharing and Dojo for sharing good news.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ratchford and all the staff at St Paul's School.

### Parents' Evening

It was great that staff had the opportunity to speak to many parents on parents' evening over the phone this term. Attendance at parents' evening is important as it provides time to speak with your child's teachers and find out how they are getting on at school. It is an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have and also for the teachers to explain how you can support your child with their learning at home. Thank you to all parents who took this time to speak with class teachers.

### Children in Need



Children came into school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November dressed in their own

clothes to support Children in Need.

Thank you to everyone for their donations.

We made an amazing £176.43

### Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who took the time to fill out our online Parent Survey. We had 51 responses from parents. It was terrific to see so many positive comments from parents and carers regarding Spalding St Paul's Primary School and these results give us much to celebrate. We will also be using the comments and suggestions to further improve the school in the future so thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete it.

The results will be placed on the school website by the end of the week.



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## Attendance

At Spalding St Paul's Primary School, we place great importance in good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time when the gates open at 8:45 am.

*If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please can you call school on 01775 723326 before 09:30am to register your child's absence. If we do not hear from you then we will need to contact you by phone. If we still cannot get in touch with you we will ring all the other emergency contact details we have on our school system then we will try to email you. If we still do not do not hear from you a member of the Senior Leadership Team will need to complete a home visit. This is to ensure you and your child are safe and we are following our school Child Protection procedures. Can we please remind you that your child's attendance is really important in school and if you feel we can support your child and improve their attendance please contact our school office for support. For further information about attendance please see our Attendance Policy on the school Website.*

## School Meals Increase in Price

School meal prices will increase from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to £2.30 per day. School meal prices have not been increased since 2016 so the increase is being introduced to meet the rising cost of providing school meals, but we believe this continues to represent good value for money for a two course, freshly cooked school meal on site.

## Covid

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell) should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You are required to get a PCR test as soon as possible. You cannot return to school until we have received the results. If you have a negative test you can return to school. If you have a positive test you will need to isolate for 10 days.

If your child is in a household with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 they are required to come to school as long as they have no symptoms.

## Covid Work

If your child is not in school due to Covid, school will send home work for them to do. If your child is too unwell to do this work please do not worry. It is there to support the children who have no symptoms. Work for your child will be uploaded to Class Dojo. Please bear in mind staff are still in school teaching the rest of the class so we will get the work to you as soonas we can.



## Dates for the Diary

Please check on the school website for dates for your diary. Below is just a reminder of a few events which are coming up.

### Odd Socks Day

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, we are inviting all children to wear odd socks to school for the day. Children are encouraged to wear socks that are as bright, bold and colourful as possible.

#### What is Odd Socks Day?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year.

#### Why is Odd Socks Day important?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way. We look forward to seeing your odd socks.



### Last week of Term

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas lunch.



The whole school will be having a Christmas lunch together. If wish your child to have a school lunch, please submit the order form you will receive on ParentMail.

The cost is £2.00 and payment is made via your ParentMail account.

Children need to come into school in school uniform but can wear a Christmas jumper.

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service at the church



The whole school will go down to the church in the morning to celebrate Christmas and the Christingle service

Children are required to be in school uniform.

Unfortunately, we are not permitting parents to this event.

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December School Christmas parties.



Children can come into school in their Christmas party wear for the whole day. They will be in their classes doing party celebrations and games.

School lunch as usual. Children will be provided with a drink and a biscuit during the party afternoon.

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Term ends

End of term.

Children come back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## Keeping children safe online

The internet can be a place for children and young people to learn, spend time with friends, and have fun. It's an everyday part of childhood.

But the internet wasn't invented with children in mind. As a parent or carer, it's natural to wonder how to keep your child safe.

- **Prioritise safety.** Teach children not to give out personal information. This includes their name, address, and telephone number. Other details about their life can give away more information than they might think. Children should avoid posting which school they go to or uploading pictures of them in their uniform.
- **Set parental controls.** Work together with your child to agree a list of websites they can visit. Remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook, Tik Tok and YouTube. Most social media channels have an age limit of 13. You can find guidance for the most popular websites and apps on [Internet Matters](#).
- **Discuss their activity.** Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends. This will keep communication open between you and your child.
- **Set boundaries.** Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and gaming. Make sure to set aside time for 'unplugged' family activities.
- **Be open.** Let them know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet. Try to listen without judgement or anger. With older children, explain your worries so they can see the reasoning behind any rules you set.



# STAYING SAFE ONLINE

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AS A PARENT OR CARER YOU CAN **MONITOR** YOUR CHILD'S INTERNET USE, **SET PARENTAL CONTROLS**, AND **PREVENT CERTAIN APPS** BEING DOWNLOADED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

We don't endorse any app over another and new apps or controls are in place everyday, which some net-savvy young people can get around.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO KEEP A CHILD SAFE ARE TO...

#1

**SHOW INTEREST IN THEIR LIFE** AND WHAT APPS THEY ARE USING AND HOW THEY WORK

#2

MODEL **RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA** BEHAVIOUR YOURSELF

#3

**TALK TO YOUR CHILD** ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON ONLINE AND WHO THEY ARE TALKING TO

#4

ENSURE YOU HAVE YOUR YOUNG CHILD'S **PASSWORDS** AND PINS FOR DEVICES AND APPS

#5

**LISTEN IF THEY SEEM DOWN OR CONCERNED** ABOUT ANYTHING THEY HAVE SEEN OR EXPERIENCED ONLINE

#6

**REPORT** ANY SERIOUS CONCERNS OR SEEK FURTHER HELP

Latest information and advice about parental controls and monitoring can be found on a number of websites, including:



Childnet  
International



National  
Online  
Safety

