

Spaldwick Community Primary School

Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ leaflet has been compiled following consultation with staff, parents and governors. We hope that it provides new school families with information.

Do you have a school uniform?

We expect all children to wear school uniform.

- ✓ Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses (sensible length just above the knee) with grey socks or tights
- ✓ Green gingham summer dress (In the summer term only)
- ✓ A green v neck sweatshirt or cardigan
- ✓ A white long or short sleeved shirt
- ✓ A green and yellow clip on tie
- ✓ All shoes and sandals must be black. Sandals must be secured with a strap and must be worn with socks. Trainers are not allowed to be worn other than for PE.
- ✓ Hair accessories should be minimal and preferably in school colours. Hair should be kept out of children's eyes using headbands, clips and slides.

What is the school's P.E. kit?

- ✓ A white or coloured round necked t-shirt according to houses (Red – Maple, Green – Oak or Blue – Willow)
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ A black tracksuit
- ✓ Trainers or plimsolls

Where can I buy new school uniform?

The majority of our uniform can be purchased from any shop. If you wish to buy a school tie and uniform with our school logo it can be ordered direct and at anytime of the school year from www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk

What if something gets lost?

Please make sure all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name so that it can be returned if found. Lost property is collected and stored in cloakrooms. Unclaimed items are added to our end of term FOSS collection.

Can my child bring a bag and pencil case to school?

Book bags and PE bags maybe purchased from PMG Schoolwear. Children do not need and should not bring a big bag into school as bags are kept in draws in the classroom. Children can bring a small pencil case if they wish to do so. Toys, sweets, money, valuables and mobile phones should not be brought into school.

Can my child wear jewellery in school?

Children can wear a wristwatch and small studs if they have pierced ears. For safety, reasons earrings and jewellery are not permitted during sporting activities. Members of staff cannot remove or store jewellery, both for hygiene and insurance indemnity reasons and to avoid inadvertently injuring a child.

Is there any shade in the playground?

The playground provides lots of shade. However, we ask that all children bring a named sunhat to wear during the summer months. When required, please apply sun-cream to your child before bringing them to school.

What happens at lunchtime?

Dolce are currently the appointed supplier for our School dinners and cost £2.35 per day. You will need to set up an account where you can pre order meals; view recipes record any allergens and make payments.

What should I put in my child's packed lunch?

We encourage healthy eating and expect parents to choose healthily when creating a packed lunch and ensure they **do not** contain nut products due to allergies throughout the school. Children are not allowed, fizzy drinks or sweets. There are no facilities for heating home cooked food.

Am I entitled to a free school meal?

Currently under the 'Universal School Meals' programme, **ALL** pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meal. Pupils in KS2 Years 3 - 6 pay £2.35 per meal.

If you are in receipt of specific benefits, your child could be eligible for a free school meal. Further information can be found on the school website or speak to a member of the office team.

What is Cool Milk?

Cool milk is the school milk supplier who provide a daily free milk portion (189ml) for under-fives and children who are entitled to receive free school meals along with subsidised milk for pupils aged five to eleven. Parents will need to register to receive daily milk by completing a registration form online at www.coolmilk.com/register
For children who wish to continue receiving milk after their fifth birthday a termly fee of 23p/per day is payable through the registration scheme.

Is drinking water available?

Water is available in every classroom, the dining hall and from the water fountain in the playground. Children can also bring in a clear, named water bottle to use in the classroom. Children must not have squash.

What happens if my child has an accident at school?

Unfortunately, sometimes children do have accidents or become unwell whilst they are at school and we need to call you to collect them or discuss the incident. It can add to your child's distress if we are unable to make contact. Please ensure that we have up to date contact telephone numbers for you and a secondary nominated emergency contact. Please tell us straight away if these change.

What time does school start?

The school day is 8:50am to 3:20pm.

Children arriving by bus are on the school premises by 8.40am and will be supervised by a member of staff.

All other children should not be on the school premises before 8.45am.

Teachers are available on the playground from 8:45am to speak to parents. The bell will be rung at 8:50am, to signify the start of the school day. The gates will be closed at 9.00am and after this time, children will need to enter school via the main school entrance and be signed in at the school office.

What happens at the end of the day?

School finishes at 3.20pm. Children travelling home by the school bus meet in the hall and will be escorted to their bus. Children attending the out of school provision S-Club, are met in the hall by school staff and escorted to the Playtimes building.

All other children must be collected from School by a known adult. Please let the School office know if someone different is collecting your child. Older children are permitted, with your permission in writing, to walk home independently.

Can my child cycle to school?

If your child is accompanied by an adult, they can cycle to school. Children in Year 6 complete the 'safer cycling course' and if successful, we hope they will cycle. If you wish your child to cycle on their own we will need your permission in writing. Bicycles are brought to school at their owners' risk.

Can I park on the premises?

Unfortunately, there is no parking available for parents and carers. The area outside the school becomes very congested. Access is required at all times to the school bus bays and we ask for respect for our local residents. Please do not park on the yellow, zig-zag lines directly outside of school.

Do you have after school clubs?

Each term a range of clubs are offered. The clubs are run by school staff and visiting providers. A letter is distributed each term with club details.

When can I talk to a teacher?

Teachers are available on the playground from 8:45am to give brief messages to. To discuss concerns, teachers are always happy to make an appointment. Please email the school office at office@sps.acesmat.uk and they will forward your message to your child's teacher.

Are children given homework?

Homework is provided in line with the school policy, which can be found on the school website.

What if my child needs medication during the day?

It is preferable that medication is administered outside of school hours. However, if a child has a prescription that requires medication to be administered four times daily please complete a medical consent form which is available on the school website.

Asthma inhalers are kept in the child's classroom and accessible at all times. Parents are requested to ensure all inhalers and medical consent forms are kept up to date.

What if my child needs extra help?

We support the learning of all our pupils. The school website provides information about the support available through the school and specialist agencies. Please discuss your child's needs with the class teacher. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) will be happy to meet with you to discuss specific concerns.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's progress?

Always talk to or email your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

What should I do if my child is bullied?

Advise your child to speak to an adult in school. We take accusations of bullying very seriously and all incidents are dealt with appropriately, promptly and in line with the school's anti-bullying policy. Parents are advised to talk to the class teacher and never approach a child or parent themselves.

What is Parentpay?

Parent pay is a convenient e-payment system used by the school to pay for school trips, discos and other school items online using a secure service. It is also used as a communication tool to send out messages and letters home. Parents are provided with login details to enable them to access and use the system. We would ask you to activate your account promptly to avoid missing out on important school information.

If you need help accessing the system, please speak to a member of the office team.

Have we missed anything off our list of questions?