



Pre-School Prospectus

Important Information for
Parents & Carers

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Welcome to Saplings Class

Our Team



Mrs Ratchford
Head Teacher



Miss Taylor
Nursery Nurse



Miss Gilbert
Early Years
Teacher



Mrs Walker
Nursery Nurse

Miss Gilbert is a qualified Teacher who has a passion for Early Years and a love for both creative and sensory experiences. She joined St Paul's in June 2023. Coming from a pre-school and primary background, she has a wealth of knowledge and a thorough understanding of child development. She takes great pleasure seeing the children in her care flourish into independent, active learners.

Miss Taylor has over 30 years of nursery experience and has been with St Paul's Pre-School since it opened. She is highly experienced in helping children who have speech and language difficulties.

Mrs Walker has over 30 years of experience working in childcare and educational settings. She joined St Paul's in 2004 and having previously worked throughout the whole of the school, has now been in Pre-school since January 2023 and is enjoying the rewards and the challenges. Her favourite activity in Pre-school is reading stories with the children.

If you would like to meet the other staff in our school please take a look on our school website.

“Growing together to be proud of everything we do.”



Spalding St Paul's Primary



Learning for Life

Our School Values:



We are
**Confident
Communicators**

We listen and share our ideas
confidently.



We are
**Resilient
Researchers**

We don't give up and learn from
our mistakes.



We are
**Aspirational
Ambassadors**

We strive to be the best we can
be.



We are
**Collaborative
Citizens**

We work together and respect
others.



Important Information

We offer 15 hours of free provision per week for 3 and 4 year-old children or 30 hours provision for those with eligible working parents.

If you have 15 hours of free funding you can pay for extra sessions if you want. A 3 hour session costs £15.

Our Pre-School can take up to 29 children in each session:

Mornings: 9.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoons: 12.00pm - 3.00pm

You can choose which sessions you would like your child to come to. Children can stay all day if you wish.

If your child stays all day you can book a school meal through Farm Kitchen (enquiries@thefarmkitchen.com) or they can bring a packed meal from home.

If your child comes for the afternoon session they must bring a packed meal or again you can book a school meal through Farm Kitchen.



Need to tell us your child is sick or not coming? Please contact us before 9:15am.

Call the school office on: 01775 723326 or email: enquiries@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk

Curriculum

Daily Routines

We strike a careful balance between adult-led and child-initiated learning. We plan experiences for the children every week based on their interests and they also have time for focused activities in small groups.

Mathematics

We LOVE Maths in Pre-School! We use guidance from The National Centre for the Excellence in The Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) to deliver a balanced curriculum and prepare the children for the White Rose approach used in Early Years Foundation Stage.

Reading

Sharing stories and reading books is an important part of Pre-School experience, aiming to foster a love of books and provide pre-reading skills.

We are delighted to deliver Read Write Inc. phonics in Pre-School and most importantly the children love it! It gives them a real head-start when they enter Early Years Foundation Stage.

A photograph of two young children, a girl on the left and a boy on the right, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are standing under a large, translucent tarp that is supported by wooden poles, creating a makeshift shelter. The girl is wearing a red and blue jacket with a Spider-Man logo. The boy is wearing a dark jacket with yellow accents. The background shows a natural outdoor setting with trees and foliage.

Broadening Horizons

We are an ethnically diverse class and are very proud of our Cultural Calendar which gives the children a chance to celebrate special events from places and religions all over the world. The children love to dress up, dance, share items from home and of course trying lots of fantastic food!

Skills for Life

We always aim to provide our children with opportunities to develop key skills, making experiences as 'real' as possible, for example, we use real tools in Pre-School, responsibly and with purpose. This includes battery screwdrivers, hammers and spanners. With these they have to opportunity to build any model they can imagine out of wood, or even look inside a real engine to see how it works.

Outdoor Learning

Our Pre-School children are truly blessed to have their own special area on the school field where we take them for outdoor learning. It has a real mud kitchen and everything they could possibly need to climb, jump, balance, build, dig and explore.

This is a very special time in our week. We call it "Forest Friday".

Staying in Touch

We use Class Dojo to keep a record of your child's learning. You can see the photographs we take on here using your mobile device or in Internet Explorer / Safari on your computer.

You can also share photographs and stories of your child's learning at home.



We use Parent Mail to send you important information about Pre-School. It is also the way to make payments for school events, as we are a cashless school.

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What to Wear

You can buy our uniform online from Mapac:
<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents>

mapac®



cap



Please name every item!



waterproof jacket



polo shirt



jumper



cardigan



fleece



skirt



trousers



shorts



strong black shoes

What to Bring Every Day

Your child will need to bring a bag with them each day. It must have their name on it. It must have all of these things inside.



Safeguarding



Safeguarding is taken extremely seriously at St Paul's and we have comprehensive and proven systems in place to ensure that every child and adult is kept safe.

If you have ANY concerns about an adult or child you can call the school office immediately on 01775 723326 and ask to speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team.

The names of our Safeguarding Leads and Local School Board Member are available on our website.

Application forms

To apply for a place for your child in our Pre-School, please visit our school office where Mrs Rodgers will help you. You will need to complete these forms:

- Initial Application for a place
- Spalding St Paul's Primary School & Pre-School - Admission Form
- Ethnic Origin Form
- Emergency Contact Details Form
- Permissions Form (Data Protection)
- Early Years Entitlement 3 & 4-year-old funding Parent Declaration Form
- Contract for invoiced hours (if applicable)
- Eligibility for Free School Meals Form

You will also be able to see a copy of our Home-School Agreement.

Further information is also available on:

- Nut Free School
- Parent Mail
- Uniform
- 3 and 4-year-old funding

When you have done this, we will contact you to discuss your child and how we can best support their needs.

Next steps



In Pre-School it is our aim to have your child socially, emotionally and academically prepared for their Early Years Foundation Stage. We work closely with the Early Years Foundation Stage team to make sure that your little one has the best possible head start we can give them.

Our children all experience a complimentary curriculum of Mathematics, Read Write Inc., and the “Plan, Do, Review” approach to child-initiated learning.

It is important to remember that all admissions to Early Years Foundation Stage are handled by Lincolnshire County Council. Our Pre-School children are not automatically given a place.

Parents/Carers must complete a preference form and return it to Lincolnshire County Council by a set date each year.

More information about starting in Early Years Foundation Stage is available here:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>

schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

01522 782030

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<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/support/parent-support/>

Read Write Inc.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/>



<https://www.ncetm.org.uk>

**Childcare
Choices**

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>