



Shepeau Stow Primary School

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Gedney Hill CoE Primary School

## School life

Day to day information for you and your child



### The school day

Morning school begins at 8.55 am and ends at 12 noon. Afternoon school begins at 1.00pm and ends at 3.20pm. Children should not arrive at school before 8.45am and should have gone home by 3.30pm, except when attending clubs.

### Parking

The school has its own car park, across the road from the school, and parents are encouraged to use it whenever possible.

**Please do not park close to the junction with Hulls Drove**, as lorries, tractors and the school bus have difficulty in negotiating the corner, **on the yellow zig-zag or opposite the entrance to the car park**, to ensure the safety of the children and other road users. There is a school bus for qualifying pupils and applications can be made through Lincolnshire County Council.



### Security at school

The school has a security fence along the boundary between playground and road. Entry is by the electronic gate to the left of the property.

There is a buzzer and grill for you to communicate with the school office. Listen for the gate releasing then push the gate open. Please close it behind you every time as it protects the children and keeps them safe.

### School Meals

Children who stay at school during lunchtime should bring a packed lunch including a drink in a non-breakable container, or purchase a hot meal. Hot lunchtime meals are provided in school by an outside caterer and are purchased @ £2.30 per meal, by parents, on a fortnightly basis.



### Healthy eating:

Children are asked to bring water rather than any other drink. Nuts or nut related products **must not** be brought into school as some children have a severe allergy to nuts.



### Hair

If hair is long enough to be tied back, then it needs to be. Clips can be used to hold hair back from the face.

### Jewellery

Jewellery must not be worn in school. Earrings can be worn but must be studs.

All earrings must be removed for swimming and PE.



### Parent communication

The school subscribes to an online email and text communication system. All parents have the opportunity to sign up and receive correspondence from school in this way.



Shepeau Stow School now has its own app, available from both the Apple App Store and Google Play. Just search for 'OurSchoolsApp' to download it.

This is a great way to check on all the news, information and events happening in school.

### School uniform

This is available from two suppliers:

[Tesco](#) and [Brigade](#) (click to follow the link)

School colours are royal blue and white with PE uniform being navy blue and white. All items of clothing can be obtained from both suppliers.

Children are required to wear a hat outside, during summer months, to protect them.



### School rules

It is important that everybody in school knows what is expected of them. We do not have a list of rules, but children are expected to move about and behave in an orderly and well-mannered way, stay inside the school grounds and join in the lessons.

When necessary, expectations will be carefully explained to the children, with reasons, and we hope you, as parents, will always support us in our attitude to school discipline. Corporal punishment is never used and we attempt to make any punishment reasonable, appropriate and understandable.

The governors reserve the right to charge parents for damage to the school building or books, equipment, etc., caused as the result of a pupil's behaviour.



## Looking after your children

All the staff, teaching and non-teaching, will try to make sure your children are safe and happy at school. Sadly accidents do happen and first aid will be given to any child who needs it. If the accident is more serious, every effort will be made to contact you as parents before taking further action. If hospital treatment is required, a teacher will go with the child and stay until a parent arrives.

**So we can contact you quickly, if the need arises, please keep us informed of up to date emergency telephone numbers and addresses.**



### Illness or other absence (not holidays)

All absences need to be reported as soon as possible - expect a phone call if we haven't heard from you!

Please tell the office, not another member of staff (as they are sometimes too busy to be able to pass the message on).

Once you have told us a child is ill, you do not need to ring every morning.

If a child has sickness and/or diarrhoea please keep your child off for 48 hours after the last bout to prevent the spread of any infection.

## After-school clubs

After-schools clubs are run all year round, but the clubs being run changes from term to term.

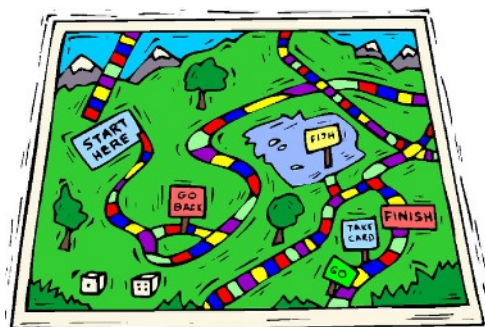
Some are free, some are charged for and parents need to sign their children up in the preceding term and pay in advance for the chargeable ones.



Archery



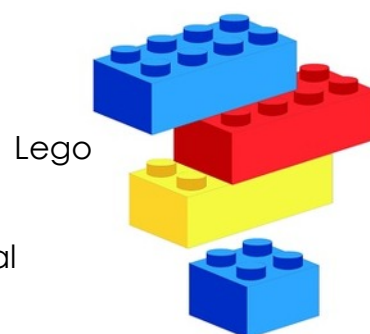
Lunchtime football



Board Games



Gymnastics with an annual Key Steps competition



Lego



# Leave of absence from school

Parents no longer have the right to remove children from school for term time holidays.

The old regulations allowed headteachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time in "special circumstances" of up to ten school days leave per year. Headteachers could also grant extended leave for more than ten school days in exceptional circumstances. This right was embedded in the The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.

However the Coalition government changed these regulations and issued the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. These amendments, as described below, came into force on 1 September 2013.

The Coalition Government's amendments to the 2006 regulations removes references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. Due to this legislation, **it is not possible for the school to authorise any leave of absence in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.** Any holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. What amounts to "exceptional circumstances" is a matter for the discretion of the Head Teacher and will be judged on a case by case basis but it is unlikely to amount to an exceptional circumstance if it is merely claimed that a holiday abroad can only be afforded in term time or that a parent is unable to take leave during school holidays.



Headteachers are required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring their children attend school (other than home schooling). Failure to do so is an offence under section 444 of the [Education Act 1996](#). Parents have no legal right to take their children out of school during term time for holidays.

**This unauthorised absence may be referred to Education Welfare. This could result in a Fixed Penalty Fine of up to £120, per parent per child, under Section 444(B) of the Education Act 1996, for failing to ensure regular attendance at school.**

*“Good behaviour and attendance at school is vital if children are to make the most of the educational opportunities available to them.*

*If children are not attending school regularly, punctually, and behaving well in the classroom, they will not be able to keep up with their school work; and may miss out on their chances of a good education.*

*Children who fail to attend school regularly, or who persistently misbehave are more likely to:*

- **Leave school with few, if any, qualifications.**
- **Be at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity.**
- **Have difficulty holding down a job.**
- **Experience social and other problems later in life.”**