

Partnerships

We are fortunate to have a successful and proactive Parent Teacher Association and governing body. All parents of children at the School are automatically members of the PTA and their contribution is encouraged. The PTA raises funds for a variety of school projects through events including the annual fete and bonfire night, and has recently contributed significantly to our new and exciting library.

We enjoy a close relationship with the village church as well as both Smarties and Litlington pre-schools, where many of the children attend before transferring to Steeple Morden Primary School.

We work hard to maintain positive relationships with parents and invite them to attend parents evenings and a variety of other events such as concerts, church services and assemblies. Our weekly newsletter and Parentmail make sure that everyone is kept up to date.

Safeguarding children

At Steeple Morden Primary School the health, safety and well-being of every child is our prime concern. We expect all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

We listen to our children and take seriously what they tell us. All school staff are trained in safeguarding procedures, and children are made aware of the adults they can talk to if they have any concerns. Our safeguarding policy and procedures follow the Local Authority guidelines.



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Ofsted say ...



“Steeple Morden is a caring school. The values of ‘be brave, be kind and be the best you can be’ shine through. Adults care deeply about pupils.”



“Pupils behave well in class. They listen carefully to adults and each other. There is a culture of mutual respect between adults and pupils. This begins in the Reception class, where children are taught to share, work together and care for each other.”

Ofsted report 2022



Steeple Morden CofE Primary School

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“Be brave, be kind, be the best you can be”



“A school with a commitment towards pupils of Christian faith, other faiths and no faith”

SIAMS report 2017

Our School

Steeple Morden Primary School consists of seven classes; one per year group from Reception to Year 6. We have approximately 165 children on roll.

We are a Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School and we aim to serve our community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. We welcome children of all faiths, and none, and we aim to create a community of tolerance and acceptance.

We believe our pupils should have every opportunity to achieve high academic standards and develop awareness of social and moral values. We provide a secure and stimulating environment where children and adults can work productively. Relationships are very important to us and the relationships we develop with our children, their families, our community and the wider world enable us to create a warm, caring and happy school where everyone is included.

Admissions

We are a Local Authority controlled school and we follow the County admissions criteria.

Our catchment area comprises Abington Pigotts, Litlington, Odsey and Steeple Morden.

We can only admit up to our standard intake number of 30 and in recent years we have been able to accommodate all applications. On the rare occasion that there are more requests than the number of places available please see the County admissions criteria at cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions for details.

Wraparound care

Smarties out-of-school club is situated in the school grounds and offers a before- and after-school facility, and a holiday club for children aged 4-14 years old. Please see their website for more details www.smartiespreschool.co.uk

Facilities

The school is situated in three acres of land that are home to a range of fantastic facilities, including surfaced playground areas, playing fields, a large play structure and a trim trail. There is also an enclosed play area for the younger pupils.



Indoors, we have a music room, an appealing library and a large hall/gymnasium equipped with mobile staging for school productions. We also have portable sets of laptops, chrome books and iPads.



Clubs

We offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Our clubs have included: summer and winter sports, netball, running, photography, needlework, chess and safer cycling.

Parent Survey



Our parent survey in July 2023 showed that

- 94% of respondents reported that their child feels happy at this school.
- 98% feel that their child is well looked after.
- 96% believe their child feels valued and that their achievements are recognised.

Teaching and learning

We believe that learning should be meaningful and relevant, so our pupils can:

- develop lively, enquiring minds, with the ability to question and discuss rationally;
- value the result of effort and hard work;
- develop an awareness of how to keep themselves and others safe;
- gain wider awareness of religious and moral values, a respect for other races, religions and ways of life and an understanding of the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations.

Curriculum

We follow the guidance and framework of the National Curriculum and the Early Years Statutory Framework, organised into topics which also reflect the needs and interest of our children. The *Curriculum* and *Class Pages* on our website show how these topics include all the relevant subjects and how they are constructed to maximise learning opportunities and links between them.

In addition we strive to enhance the children's learning in:

- The Arts
- The Environment
- Spirituality and Mindfulness
- Initiative

Our curriculum is also planned to provide an all-round education, cultivating a love of learning, of physical and mental wellbeing and an understanding of good citizenship - both locally and globally.

We organise numerous trips and visits for all the year groups through the school and aim to participate in all sports opportunities available to us.

Accessibility

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and aim to make all our children welcome and happy. Every child is different and we view differences as an opportunity for adults and children alike to learn more about ourselves. We operate under the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities code of practice introduced in September 2014 and we also work hard to ensure all children are fully engaged and challenged.



Healthy school

We take our responsibilities in promoting healthy lifestyles seriously. We manage our in-school catering, enabling us to have control over, and to provide, a healthy, freshly cooked weekly menu.

We encourage parents to provide healthy snacks for their children, and to be mindful of those members of our school who may have food related allergies.

All children are encouraged to take part on a variety of sporting activities and we hope they will all have the opportunity to represent the school at some point.

