



“Be a Buddy Not a Bully!”

The Spinney Buddy System

At The Spinney we want all children to be happy, safe, learning and achieving so we have a Buddy System in school so that, as well as the adults, all children have someone to go to when they need help.

Playground Buddies

At playtime and lunchtime, in addition to the Midday Supervisors and teachers, there are two Playground Buddies who are available for you to go to if you don't have anyone to play with or you have a friendship problem. We wear blue tabards so that you can spot us on the playground. We also have “a bag of tricks” with games in so that you will have something to play with, such as cards, pens and paper for drawing and colouring in etc. If you have a problem with your friends (as all children and grown-ups do from time to time!) we use the Traffic Lights Approach. This is a way of solving problems peacefully so both points of view are heard and children can plan how they want to resolve the issue and be friends again!

Induction Buddies

We are lucky in our school because sometimes children arrive either from other schools or countries or at different times in the school year. When this happens we want them to feel welcome as quickly as possible so they are assigned a Classroom Buddy who will give the new children a tour of the school and show them the school routines as well as being a friend to help them settle in.

Class Buddies

All children in the school are buddies with children in other classes. For example the Year 6 are buddies with the Foundation Stage children, Year 5 are buddies with Year 1, Year 4 with Year 2 and Y3 are buddies with themselves! This system is great when we walk to the Church or do paired activities such as reading or maths.