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Welcome Back

We hope you had a lovely half-term break. Welcome back!

Parents' Evenings

A big thank you to the parents who attended Parents' Evening in the last week of term. We hope you found this useful and supportive.

Safety Breakfast for LIVES

LIVES.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Big Breakfast' last term.



All profits will go towards the Lincolnshire L.I.V.E.S. we raised a fantastic £290

Children throughout the day learnt about being safe, including Online Bullying, PANTS (The Underwear Rule), Road safety, Handwashing and Camp Security. A big thank you to everyone involved including the parent volunteers and Lincolnshire Police who joined us for the day!

Allergies—Urgent! Please read!

We currently have a number of children in school who have severe allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that packed lunches or snacks **do not include nuts/peanut butter/sesame seeds, chocolate spread etc.**

Please make sure you contact school if your child has any new allergies. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Uniform

Please can we all keep promoting to the children to take pride in what they wear. We are now into the 'winter uniform'. Summer polo shirts should not be worn after this point, and ties should be worn (with the exception of the Foundation Stage).

Please remember that long hair should be tied up, and jewellery, make-up and nail polish are not allowed. We would be grateful if parents could support the school with these rules.

Remember—Name Everything!

Be aware that when you have a class of 30 children, the majority of white shirts are the same size and often from the same providers. Ties are identical! Shoes also look very similar. Trying to distinguish whose items are whose is very difficult without them being named!

Thank you for your help

Our School uniform policy can be found at

<https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/SchoolUniform.asp>

Timings of the School Day

School drop off is between 8:40am and 8:50am.

School starts at 8:50am.

Drop your child at the silver gates, and allow them to walk around to the green gate.

School finishes at 3:20pm for all children.

Please note, this is when lessons end. Children will be out a few minutes after this point. Additionally, sometimes unforeseen things happen in class which result in the children coming out a few minutes later. Thank you for your understanding.

Please try not to stand immediately in front of the silver gates at the front of school. This will allow children to easily exit the school and locate their parents.

If you wish to speak with your class teacher, please make an appointment either by emailing or telephoning the school office, or see the member of staff at the gates at the end of the day.

Ordering Hot Meals

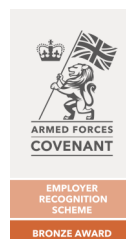
Infant classes are provided with Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please remember to order and outline any allergies. Children in Key Stage 2 currently can order hot meal lunches through Ideal School Meals, our food provider, or parents may wish to send in a packed lunch instead. Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One also receive a piece of fruit each day through a Government initiative.

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Just a gentle reminder that your child needs a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle to take into their class. Whilst some of the cereal bars do offer health benefits, they also contain a high level of sugar which is detrimental to your child's teeth, leading to tooth decay. Fresh fruit, vegetables, raisins or cheese for their morning snack are the best choices and we would ask children to save their other snacks for lunchtime. If your child has access to fresh water throughout the day, then they are able to remain hydrated and concentration levels are improved, aiding good progression.

Cold Weather / Wet Weather

Please can you ensure all children are sent in to school with coats and fleeces/jumpers now the weather is turning colder and wetter. Classes often work outside, supporting the Government's targets to promote outdoor learning. Therefore, along with playtimes, your child may be spending additional time outside.



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Odd Socks Day

Anti-Bullying Week is from Monday 13th –17th November.

Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November marks the start of our Anti-Bullying Week.



There is no pressure to buy new socks. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks together with the normal school uniform.

There will be no charge for the day. Odd Socks Day provides an opportunity in your school to have fun, be yourself, and spread awareness of the core values Anti-Bullying Week promotes.

Children in Need – SPOTACULAR!

This year to raise money for BBC Children in Need, we are asking children on Friday 17th November 2022, to come in Non-uniform with a focus on Spots!!

We are asking for a £1 donation to take part.

Children will need to still bring PE kits to change into if this is their normal PE day.

Please make sure the items of clothing are sensible enough and practical enough for them to continue a normal day of learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Social Media use outside of school

We are aware that some older children use social media outside of school during evenings and weekends, and appreciate that sometimes this can be useful, but sometimes, if used inappropriately it can be upsetting or dangerous.

Pupils, who may use social media may be persistently unkind about other pupils and/or discuss inappropriate content over platforms such as Snapchat and WhatsApp.

This may lead to upset and polarisation of some pupils within school and is not in line with our ethos or values.

The current age requirement for WhatsApp is 16+ although it had previously been 13. If you do allow your child to access social media, you as the parent, take the responsibility for supervising their activity online. Children do not have a right to privacy if you have allowed them to install an app, which is above their age restriction.

We therefore ask for your vigilance. Just like their interactions in person, online interactions require supervision and support.

What is right will vary from family to family but some strategies that are known to be successful include:

- *Monitoring their phones for the apps that are downloaded*
- *Enacting parental controls on phones and consoles*
- *Reviewing the messages they send on platforms and apps – making monitoring part of a daily or weekly routine*
- *Setting expectations about what space (preferably communal) and times they have access to devices*
- *Encouraging them to share or discuss with you what they are doing.*

Whilst we appreciate the benefits (and prevalence) of these forms of communication, some of our pupils struggle when any problems or conflict arise as a result of what is being shared.

We are asking for your partnership in dealing with this, as this is happening outside of school.

We will also offer more guidance at:

<https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/stayingSafe.asp>

and

<https://www.parliamentfederation.co.uk/MainFolder/Documents/KPS/Parents/Apps-Info/What-is-Whatsapp.pdf>

and helpful tips are found in our newsletters at:

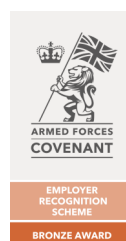
<https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/newsletters.asp>

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Please note, mobile phones and smart watches (with camera or messaging facilities) are not allowed in school.



BBC
Children in Need





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Christmas Events

Here are some of the Christmas events we have planned for your diary.

Winter Fayre

Preparations for our Winter Fayre are well underway. The date is Thursday 30th November 2023 between 15:30 and 17:00.

If you wish to book a stall, please contact Mrs Dominique Thorpe, our PTA Chair at cranwellpta@gmail.com.

Tombola Collection

A Non-uniform Day will take place on Friday 24th November 2023, to help collect items for our PTA Tombola for the Winter Fayre.

Please bring along a donation for the tombola. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 1st December, We would like to invite your child to take part in celebrating the beginning of Advent. Please send your child to school in a Christmas Jumper (normal school trousers/skirt). There is no charge or donation required for this event.



Pantomime

This year, we have sadly been unable to book the Theatre at Newark.

We have, however, managed to arrange for a theatre company to attend school on Monday 18th December 2023. All children will be enjoying the production of 'Sleeping Beauty' in the school hall. There will be no cost for the event.

Foundation Stage & Infant Production

The Foundation Stage and infants will be performing their Christmas story through their Nativity on Friday 15th December. More details to follow. There will be a morning production at 09:45 and one in the afternoon at 14:15.

More details and how to book tickets to follow.



Festival of Carols

On Monday 11th December 2023, classes 5/6H, 5/6B, 5B, 4P, 3/4R, 3P and 3CO will be celebrating the Christmas story together.

Services will begin at 09:45 & 14:00 in the School hall, and we welcome parents to join us, for the occasion.

Information regarding Ticket ordering will follow soon.

Story with Santa

On Tuesday 19th December, children will have the opportunity to listen to a story read by Father Christmas. Children in KS1 and KS2 will receive a book from Father Christmas. A donation of £3 would be very gratefully received to help cover the costs. Please see attached PTA flyer.

I want Technology for Christmas

Asked Santa for a computer? Games console?

Have you set up the correct restrictions for your child's age group?

Remember to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

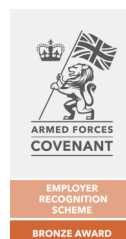
Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Websites that can help you understand how to keep your child safe:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

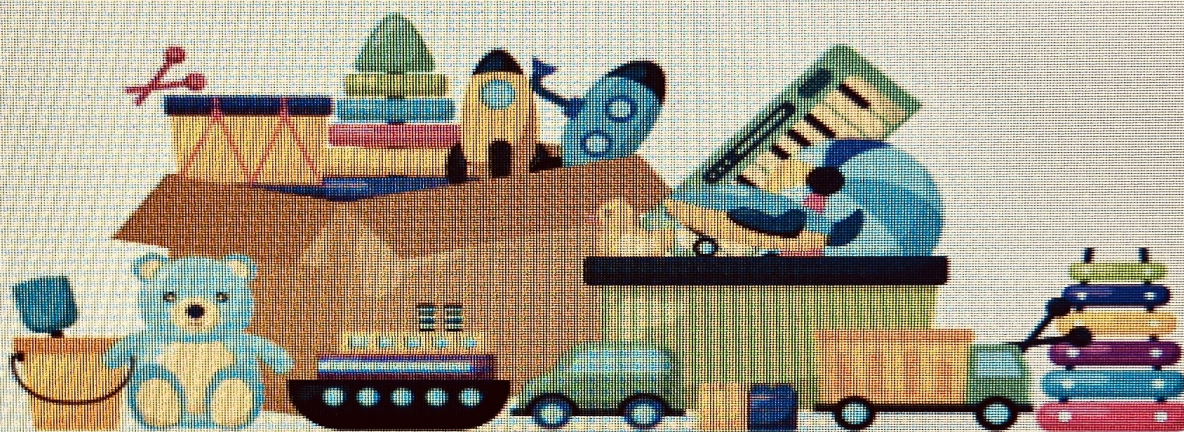
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxMnZ02SI1Abtlhq-m3rrVQ>



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CRANWELL PTA

TOY DRIVE



Kindly Requesting any donations of toys or teddies that could use a new loving home to help us raise money at this years Christmas fayre!

**Accepting Donation until the
27TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**PLEASE TAKE DONATIONS TO
The school office**

**For More Information :
cranwellpta@gmail.com**



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Reading Superheroes

Calling all parents, carers and grandparents...would you like to become a Reading Superhero at our school?



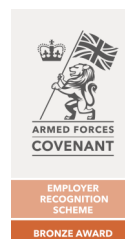
Reading underpins the whole curriculum and therefore it is really important that children learn to master this skill and become fluent and independent readers.

If you have any spare time and would be willing to volunteer to listen to readers on a regular basis, please get in touch with the ladies in the school office or ask for Mrs Birchenall or Miss Clark our English Coordinators.

Once we have a list of Reading Volunteers, we will be running a very short training session to ensure consistency and to give you confidence in how to improve a child's reading fluency. If you would like to come along to hear how you can improve your own child's fluency at home, you are more than welcome to join us too.

Be a Reading Superhero and help us build a school of readers!

Mrs Birchenall and Miss Clark





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Road Safety

A reminder to please take care driving in and around the school area.
Please remember there is a 5mph speed limit on the drive.
Parking in and around school is often congested at drop off and collection times, as are most schools around England. I ask all parents that you always consider where you park when dropping off and collecting your children. Yes, you may think you are parked sensibly and your car is not in the way or 'not harming anyone' where it is, but can children cross safely where you have parked? Will your car make it difficult for other cars to get past? Please spare a thought for all the local residents living around the school perimeter, especially in Cherry Tree Crescent, Baghdad Road, Delhi Square and the Costcutter car park.
Please can we show full consideration and ensure we do not park on, or obstruct any driveways or paths. School are aware of Lincolnshire Police's visits to these areas and are warning parents they are issuing tickets where appropriate. Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.

Children to get out of cars on the Left

The one-way system in the morning is continuing to work really well with parents dropping their children off. Please make sure your child leaves their car via the passenger side of the car to avoid any accidents.

Disabled Parking Considerations

We have limited disabled parking on the school premises, and we do have families who require these.

We are unable to enforce this but please be considerate and keep these spaces free for those that require them.

To avoid any misunderstanding when using the disabled bays please display your Blue Badge.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Travelling to and from School

We openly encourage children to either walk or ride their cycles to school, but they must do so safely.

Top Tips for Riding to School

- Ride with your children.
- Do not let your child ride to school if they are not riding with you, or not attending Bikewise Training, or not safe to do so alone.
- Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Ride on the pavement when you can.
- Use hand signals and follow the rules of the road.
- Wear bright colours and use lights, especially when riding at night and in the morning.

Please see below some useful websites to help you teach

your child the rules about cycling:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/essential-cycling-skills-for-families/>

<https://www.raleigh.co.uk/gb/en/cycling-advice/riding-guide-cycling-to-school-safely/>

Please can we all help keep everyone safe by ensuring children dismount their scooters and bicycles as they enter the school grounds. Many thanks.



Reading Force — Service Families

Please find an online resource which is designed for keeping Forces families close and connected through sharing stories. There is support for forces and ex-forces families with free fun shared reading resources and activities.
See : <https://www.readingforce.org.uk/> for more details.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023-24

Term 2 ends — Wed 20th Dec 2023

Term 3 : Wed 3rd Jan — Fri 9th Feb 2024

Term 4 : Mon 19th Feb — Thurs 28th March 2024

Term 5 : Tue 16th April—Fri 24th May 2024

Term 6 : Mon 3rd June—Fri 19th July 2024

Academic Year 2024-25

Term 1 : Wed 4th Sept — Fri 18th October 2024

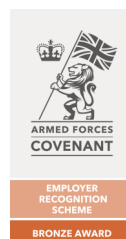
Term 2 : Tues 29th Oct — Thurs 19th Dec 2024

Term 3 : Mon 6th Jan — Fri 14th Feb 2025

Term 4 : Mon 24th Feb — Fri 4th April 2025

Term 5 : Tue 22nd April — Fri 23rd May 2025

Term 6 : Tue 3rd June — Tue 22nd July 2025





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Is your child starting school in September 2024?

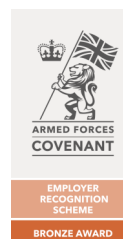
Open days are now available to show you around our outstanding school.

To book a visit,
please email enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk
or call 01400 659001



Wednesday 8th November 2023 15:45
Tuesday 14th November 2023 09:30

The Headteacher, staff and school governors will be available to answer any of your questions.



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NON - UNIFORM DAY

PLEASE BRING A TOMBOLLA
DONATION FOR THE SCHOOL
FAYRE

DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED OUTSIDE
THE SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

NOVEMBER 24TH

ALL DAY

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME



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Cranwell VTA Proudly presents the
return of

STORY TIME WITH SANTA

December
19th

£3.00
KSI WILL RECIEVE A STORY BOOK
KS2 WILL RECIEVE A CHAPTER BOOK
£5.99 MIN RRP



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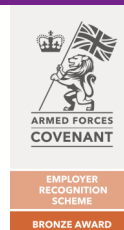
CRANWELL PRIMARY PTA
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

30th
NOVEMBER
3.30PM
-5PM

**IN THE
SCHOOL
HALL**

COME AND ENJOY THE START OF
THE FESTIVE SEASON, BUY SOME
LOCALLY MADE GIFTS AND SUPPORT
YOUR SCHOOL

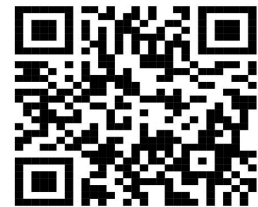
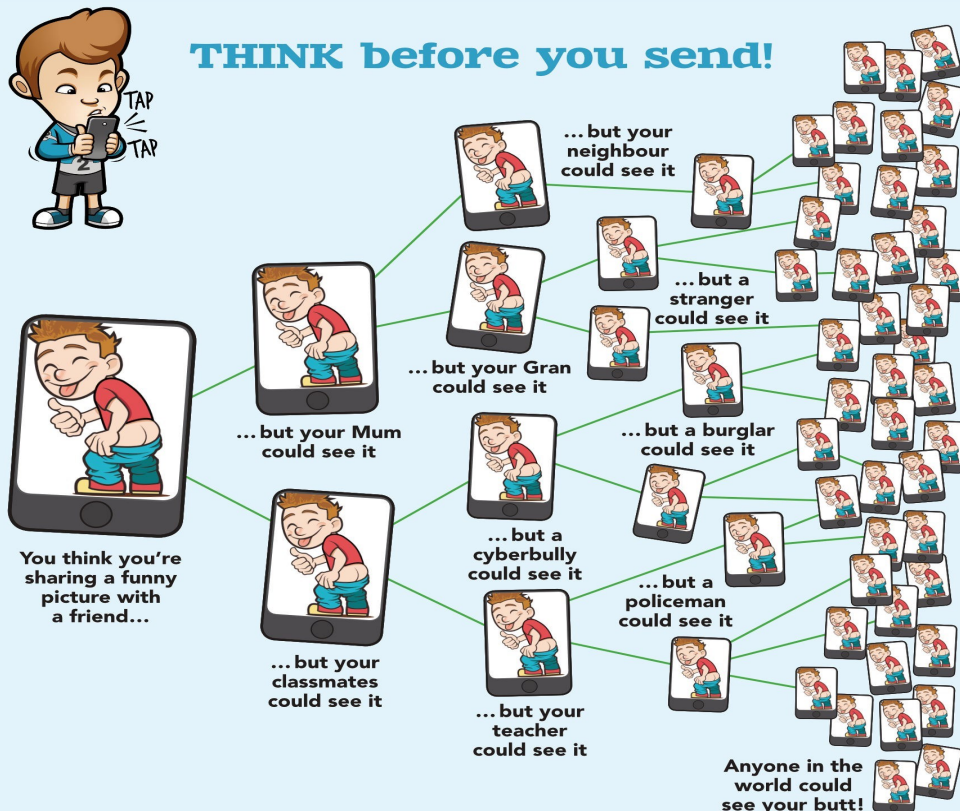


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Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

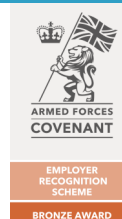
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Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111. nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 0800 001 4331 (adults) or 0800 234 6342 (children and young people). Available 24/7.

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk



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Your Guide to Health Services While Away From Home



BE PREPARED

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home.
Stock up your medicine cabinet including pain killers, antihistamines, anti-diarrhoea and indigestion medicine.
Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time.
Keep all medication, plasters, bandages and thermometers away from children.



PHARMACY

Pharmacies offer health advice and treatment for allergies, constipation, cold and flu symptoms, earache, fever, thrush and healthy lifestyles.
A visit to the pharmacy could save you a trip to the GP.
If you forget your medication while away from home call your usual registered GP surgery during opening hours and they can arrange for a prescription to be sent electronically to a pharmacy local to where you are staying.



VISIT NHS 111 ONLINE OR CALL NHS 111

Need health advice?
Unsure which health service you need?
Visit NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 – both are available 24 hours, seven days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines.
Typetalk number is 18001.



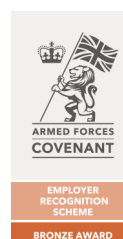
MINOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

For treatment of burns, cuts, wounds or infections contact NHS 111 for the nearest Urgent Treatment Centre where an appointment can be made for you if necessary or they can provide you with advice and guidance by phone or video consultation.



GP

If you take ill while away from home contact your registered practice in the first instance where you can be offered a telephone or video consultation.
If your practice or NHS 111 say it is necessary to be seen at a GP Practice you can register for up to 14 days while away from home or work.
Your temporary GP will pass any details of treatment you have to your own GP.
If you are staying for a longer period of time you should still ring your usual registered practice in the first instance and receive telephone or video consultation as a first step.



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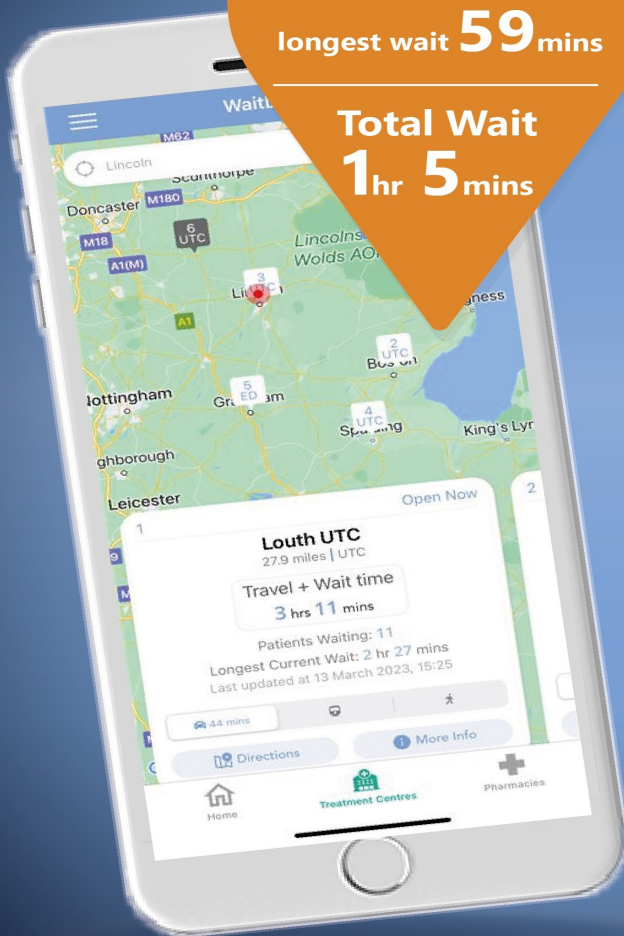


**Avoid long wait times
when you need
urgent care**

16 mins travel
11 patients waiting

longest wait **59 mins**

Total Wait
1 hr 5 mins



WaitLess

The WaitLess app combines travel, waiting and treatment times at all urgent care facilities across Lincolnshire, empowering patients to make informed decisions on the most appropriate setting to receive care.

The app also displays a full list of services available at each site, as well as parking and opening time information.

Don't wait.
Download **WaitLess** now.

