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Thurston

A final letter and kit list reminder have been sent, via Parentmail, to all Parents of the children attending Thurston next week. Please contact the School office if you have not received this message.

Keeping your Child Safe Online

Malicious Communications are an increasing problem we have in Lincolnshire. Online behaviour is something we talk regularly to children and young people about across the year within our online safety sessions.

Lincolnshire County Council want to also make sure parents are aware of these laws and the potential consequences our online behaviour can have in the real world, for our children's futures. At the end of the newsletter, we have attached a document which outlines the different laws regarding online behaviour, this is to accompany Lincolnshire's video aimed at parents regarding Malicious Communications

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Akl9CgpP9t8>

Parents' Afternoon

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning our Parents' Afternoon.

This will take place on Thursday 23rd May 2024 from 1.15pm.

During this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to tour the school with your child.

More details to follow.

Grandparents' Day

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning for our fabulous Grandparents' Day.

The date will be Friday 24th May 2024, which is the last day of term 5.

More details to follow.

Wanted

Do you have any of these you are thinking of throwing?

If so, the school would really appreciate you donating them.

1. Any unwanted Lego
2. Any unwanted Duplo
3. Any unwanted gardening tools
4. Boxes of tissues

Thank you!!

Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the

week beginning 13th May 2024. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests.

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time.

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 10th June 2024 and is a Government requirement.

Year 4 Multiplication Test will be taking place within the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.

Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during these periods. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

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.

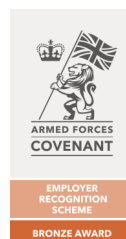
Disabled Parking Considerations

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.





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Sink or Swim

Why is learning to swim so important? - The most important reason is that swimming is the only sport which can save your child's life. Unfortunately, drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death in children. It is so important to remember that children who appear water confident are not always competent swimmers.

Additionally, swimming is great fun and children especially love getting in the water and enjoying themselves.

Swimming also provides a number of benefits which can help to keep your children healthy, including healthy heart and lungs, and improving strength and flexibility, along with increasing stamina and improves balance and posture.

How do I make my child confident around water?

This can start at any age. You are never too young to learn to swim. Children should be encouraged and helped to wet their faces, tummies, splash, blow bubbles, sing and play in the bath to get them used to the water. Family swimming sessions are another excellent way of building water confidence in pre-school/Key Stage One children.

Contact your local pool for family swimming sessions.

Sleaford Swimming Pool:

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/north-kesteven/sleaford-leisure-centre/swimming>

Nocton Swimming Pool:

<https://www.littleleisurecentre.com/activities-1>

Grantham Swimming Pool:

<https://www.leisuresk.co.uk/learn-to-swim>

For teaching your child confidence in and around water, follow this link for ideas:

<https://worldwideswimschool.com/teachers/water-confidence-for-timid-beginners/>

X— Twitter

Check out our fantastic twitter page at #@CranwellSchool

You can keep up to date with the exciting things going on in school by following our Twitter account on the school website and #@CranwellSchool

Ordering Hot Meals

Please remember that 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.

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.

Mobile Phones and Watches

We do not support children bringing mobile phones into school, however we do realise that some older children need them for safety reasons if they are walking home alone. If this is the case, phones must be left with the class teacher during the school day.

The school is not responsible for damage or loss of phones.

We do not allow watches into school which take photographs or have communication capabilities. Please understand this is for Safeguarding purposes.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023-24

Term 5 ends — 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

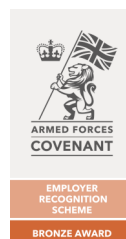
Term 2 : Tues 29th Oct — Thurs 19th Dec 2024

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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What is Month of the Military Child?

The Month of the Military Child (MotMC), in **April**, is a campaign to raise awareness about the important role Service children play in the Armed Forces community. It is a time to recognise Armed Forces families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

Competition

In recognition of Month of the Military child, we are running a competition to celebrate what it is to be a Military child or part of our community. All children are welcome to participate. We would like you to be as creative as possible to design something on the theme 'Military child'. You could write a poem, draw a picture, or create a poster. The colour of the Military child is purple, and the flower is a dandelion.

We would like to receive your entries no later than Friday 10th May.

Please address all entries to Mrs Mulhall and hand them into the school office.

There will be a small prize for entries for Foundation, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2.

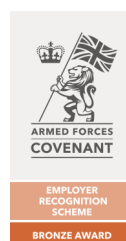
The flower of the Military Child

The Dandelion is known as the flower of the military child:

Dandelions are hardy plants which put down strong roots almost anywhere the wind carries them. It's a survivor and blooms in a broad range of climates.

Military children may bloom wherever the wind takes them.

They can have strong roots, planted swiftly and surely. They're often ready to fly in the breeze to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.





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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.

Requesting leave of absence / holidays in Term Time — School Attendance Policy

Authorising absence is a policy decision. I must work within the policy adopted by the Local authority and school. All school absence is a serious matter monitored by the LA, Education Welfare department and Ofsted and all school procedures are checked regularly.

I am delighted to confirm that the majority of our Parents support this policy, and their children attend school regularly.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will still miss out on the teaching that their peers will receive during your holiday. Children returning from a term-time holiday may also be unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. Teachers then must give more time to help individual children catch up on missed work. This poses a potential risk of the underachievement of other students in the class. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department of Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a holiday in term time only in "exceptional circumstances". If you consider that your request for a holiday is exceptional you will need to complete the form found on the school website <https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/policies.asp>

A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school for the holiday, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Failure to complete the form in the required timeframe, and taking your child on holiday without authorisation will be classed as unauthorised.

In the case of an unauthorised holiday, the Local Authority will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that such a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. Thereafter if the Penalty remains unpaid this may result in legal action.

In considering the decision whether to authorise, the following factors will be taken into account:

- Reasons given for the holiday
- The time of the year / term
- Whether your child will miss any preparation for tests / examinations
- Your child's previous attendance / punctuality record
- Whether your child is likely to fall behind with their work
- Whether the school has received any request for other leave of absence that year / previous years
- There is an acceptable exceptional reason for this request (which includes evidence)

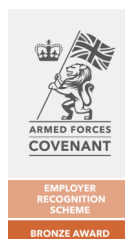
In addition to holiday absence, we have a very small number of children who persistently have time off. The Local Authority monitor children whose attendance which falls below 95%, and those who fall below 90% who may be subject to a penalty fine.

Holidays should be taken in holiday time of which we have 13 weeks available. These include 1 week Autumn half term, 2 weeks Christmas, 1 week Spring half term, 2 weeks Easter, 1 week Summer half term and 6 weeks in the summer.

I hope this explains how the school will deal with requests for leave and any holidays taken in term time.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

I hope you support our efforts to raise attendance and attainment at our school.





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Late

Please can parents ensure that their children arrive at school before 8:55am.

The gates close at this time, and any child arriving after this point is late. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school on time. Lateness may result in you being served with a Penalty Notice or a summons to court. Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

Lateness has a negative impact on everybody at school.

Being late can:

Disrupt lessons - It is unfair on the teachers and other children in the class if another child enters the classroom once lessons have started.

Affect the achievement your child and others

Embarrass/upset your child when the class have already started their work

Being late adds up to loss of learning:

5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year,

10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year,

15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year,

20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year,

30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year.

Being on time means not missing out!

Remember ... the School gates are open from 8:40am.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

The Importance of Reading

It is important that children experience a broad curriculum. Learning about our World, the people within it and its climate are important. Keeping fit and healthy is vital for the children to reach their potential. Maths, writing and spelling are just as important in the casserole of learning a child needs. A child's reading skills, however, underpin their success in school in all subjects, as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. Reading opens more doors to new worlds for our children.

What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are just as important as teachers. Reading to your children and listening to them read is so important for their development.

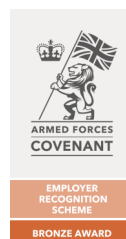
How to encourage your child to read?

Here are some websites with great ideas to encourage your children to read:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/encouraging-your-child-read>

<https://www.english.com/blog/motivate-children-reading-five-fun-activities/>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/activities-to-encourage-pre-reading-621060>





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Laws about online behaviour

There are a number of laws that apply to behaviour online.

? Is cyberbullying or trolling against the law?

Although bullying, cyberbullying or trolling are not specific criminal offences in UK law, there are criminal laws that can apply in terms of harassment or threatening behaviour. For example should you receive threatening, obscene or repeated messages and fear for your safety, this is against the law and you should contact the police. Context is taken into consideration and the police will determine the response on a case by case basis.

Some of the laws below are relevant:

Communications Act 2003: This Act covers all forms and types of public communication. With regards to comments online, it covers the sending of grossly offensive, obscene, menacing or indecent communications and any communication that causes needless anxiety or contains false accusation.

Protection from Harassment Act 1997: This Act covers any form of harassment that has occurred 'repeatedly'; in this instance, 'repeatedly' means on one or more occasions.

The Malicious Communications Act 1988: This Act covers the sending of grossly offensive or threatening letters, electronic communications or any other form of message with the intention of causing harm, distress or anxiety.

Equality Act 2010: This Act states that it is against the law to discriminate against anyone on the ground of protected characteristics. These include disability, gender reassignment (when a person undergoes a process, or part of a process – social or medical – for the purpose of reassigning their sex), race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Hate crimes and hate speech If you commit a crime against someone because of their religion, race, sexual orientation or disability, this is classified as a hate crime. Hate speech is defined as expressions of hatred and threats directed at a person or a group of people on account of that person's colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or sexual orientation. Hate crimes should be reported to **True Vision** – www.report-it.org.uk

? What other laws affect the online space?

The Computer Misuse Act 1990 says you can't impersonate or steal someone else's identity online. This means that writing a status on social media pretending to be your friend is technically against the law.

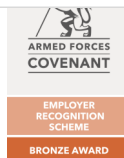
The Protection of Children Act 1978 and the Criminal Justice Act 1988 says that indecent images (naked pictures) of children under the age of 18 are illegal.

Section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 refers to the new offence dealing with Revenge Pornography. This is a law relating to images of adults (ie over 18s), making it illegal to share or make public sexually explicit images of someone else, without their consent, with the intent to cause distress.



LAWS ABOUT ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

CROSSING THE LINE





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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.

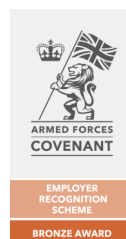


Mental Health Crisis

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.



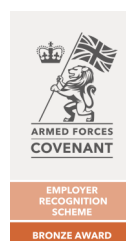
MINOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

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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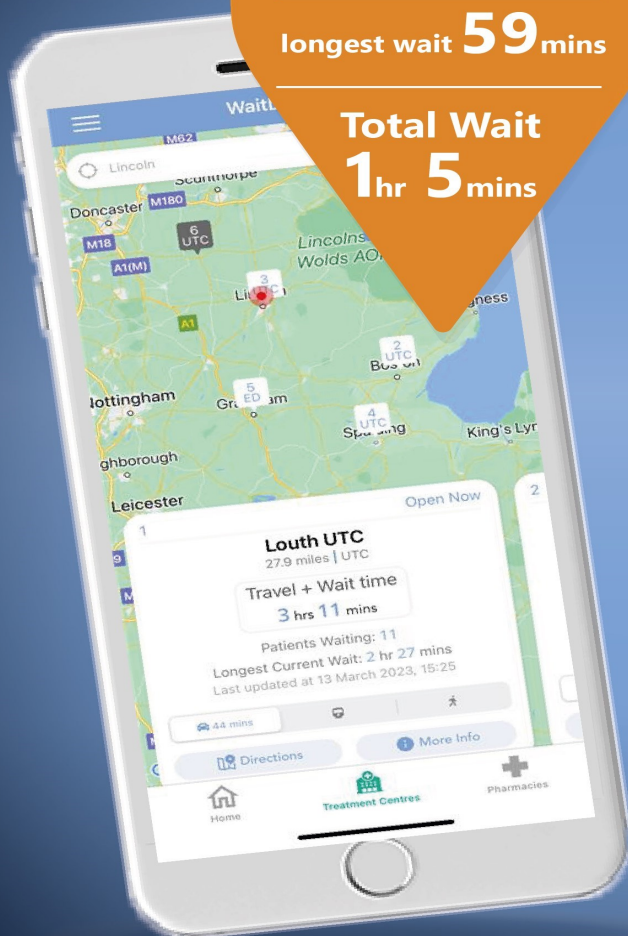


**Avoid long wait times
when you need
urgent care**

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.

