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Jeans for Genes

We will be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 20th September 2024.

1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. That's equivalent to one child in every class. By wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children.

All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on **Friday 20th September**. We'd like everyone to take part so please encourage your child to come into school on the day wearing their jeans and with a £1 donation.

Normal School shirts and jumpers should be worn.

If you'd like to find out more about how our support will help, please visit their website at www.jeansforgenes.org



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.

It has been observed that some meals ordered this week contain ingredients to which certain children have reported allergies or intolerances. We kindly request that you carefully review the menu choices and ingredients of each meal before placing your order to ensure the safety and well-being of all children.

For example, it is important to select appropriate meals based on your child's dietary needs, such as choosing vegetarian options for children who follow a vegetarian diet. By ensuring the correct classification of diet is made, we can avoid any unnecessary errors.

In case your child has any food allergies or intolerances, please notify Ideal Foods and the school so that necessary precautions can be taken. We understand that some children may have preferences or dislikes towards certain foods, and we ask parents not to order meals containing those products.

We are confident that our School Menu offers a fantastic variety to cater to different tastes and dietary requirements, ensuring that every child can enjoy a meal they like. Thank you for your continued support in this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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.

Lunches

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx

...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family.

Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!

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.** We also have children who have a **Coconut allergy. This includes coconut based foods, cosmetics and other products e.g. sun lotion and hand cream.**

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

Head Girl and Head Boy

We are delighted to announce that Naomi McLaughlan and Oliver Dearing have been selected as School Captains. Naomi and Oliver will have many roles within the School. The School Captains are role models to the rest of the children in the school, displaying the appropriate manners and kindness we expect throughout our school. Well done to them both!



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Medical Info & Absences

If your child has a medical appointment, if possible, can you please send a note into the class teacher giving prior notice.

Please notify the school office of all absences either by email or phone, stating reasons.

Internet Safety

Help your child become a smarter, safer and happier explorer of the online world.

Google have a 'Be Internet Legends Parent's Page' — a helpful handbook full of tips and tricks for supporting your child's digital education.

There are lots of simple ways to reinforce the important online safety lessons your child has been learning in school, through Google's Be Internet Legends programme. Created in partnership with Parent Zone, the programme is empowering families to make the most of the internet by helping them become confident digital citizens.

See more at : https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/

Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is notified of any change in your contact details.

Parentmail

Please remember to check your emails daily as school news and information will be sent via ParentMail. If you have not signed up or updated your email address, please do so via the school office: enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Term-time Absence

Due to Government legislation, head teachers **may not grant any leave** of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

Forms to apply for term-time absence are available from the school office. If you have any queries concerning this issue, please speak to the office staff who will be pleased to help!

More information regarding absence and attendance can be found on our Attendance Policy www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/policies.asp

Uniform

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.

More information regarding School Uniform can be found on our school website.

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 school 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 yellow-hatched box 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.

Harvest Collection

Thank you for your donations towards the Sleaford Community Larder. These items were taken to St Andrew's Church collection point in Cranwell Village, ready to be taken to the Sleaford Community Larder. They were delivered by

our School Captains Oliver Dearing and Naomi McLaughlan.



Phonics

There will be a phonics workshop for parents on Wednesday 18th September at 2.15pm. This will include an overview of how phonics is taught in Early Years and Key Stage 1. If you would like to attend, please email rebecca.lawson@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

More information can be found at:

www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/Reading.asp

<https://essentiallettersandsounds.org/parents/>

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

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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.

Exit 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.

Railway Safety

Due to increased incidents of trespass on railway lines locally. Learn Live have designed age appropriate videos to help children learn about Rail safety. Please find below a link for parents who can watch a free video at home.

Millions of students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the rail safety videos.

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1
<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

NEW Secondary school version: Age 11-16 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

College & University version: Age 16 plus <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-college-safety-talk-lnw>

Relationships & Sex Education — RSE

RSE curriculum has been compulsory in Primary Schools since 2020. [Relationships education \(Primary\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

We will be holding an information event concerning all aspects of RSE and how it is taught in our school on the 9th October 2024 at 14:00.

If you wish to attend, please email the school at enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Information Evening

Would you like to find out more about what your child is learning in Maths and English?

Once again, we are hosting a drop-in session in the school hall where all the year group teams will be available to show you samples of children's work, share resources used and answer any questions you may have. Some of our Governors will also be available to chat to.

The session will run from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Wednesday 18th September 2024.

We appreciate that you may have children to bring along – please feel free to do so! We will set up a reading and games area in a corner of the hall, so that you can still attend, whilst at the same time keeping an eye on your little ones!

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.

If you have any specific questions or queries, please do email us and we will do our best to prepare for these in advance.

If you would like to attend, please email the office at enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk or rebecca.hill@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk by Tuesday 17th September.

Term Dates

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

Academic Year 2025-26

Term 1 : Thur 4th Sept — Thur 23rd October 2025

Term 2 : Mon 3rd Nov — Fri 19th Dec 2025

Term 3 : Tue 6th Jan — Fri 13th Feb 2026

Term 4 : Mon 23rd Feb — Thurs 2nd April 2026

Term 5 : Tue 21st April — Fri 22nd May 2026

Term 6 : Mon 1st June — Wed 22nd July 2026

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Extra funding available for your child's education

Make sure your child's school is not missing out on an extra £2570 each year to support their education.

If you're caring for a child under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), Adoption Order or Child Arrangements Order, additional funding is available to ensure they are given extra support at school.



Called Pupil Premium Plus (PP+), this funding of up to £2570 per pupil is available for pupils in Reception to Year 11 who were looked after and left care under an adoption*, special guardianship or child arrangements order (formerly residence order).

If your child has recently moved schools and you haven't informed the school of their status, you will need to contact the school as overleaf.

The school may not know of your child's situation, and it is up to you as their parent/guardian to ensure they know your child meets the criteria, so that they can apply for funding.

*Includes children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside of England and Wales



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What do you need to do?

Contact your child's Designated Teacher (DT) for previously looked after children. All schools have one.

You will then need to provide documentary evidence (court order) to the school. They will just need to verify that your child has left public care. They don't need to hold a copy on record.

By when?

Please let your child's school know by the second week in September to declare inclusion on the October Census Return so they don't miss out on additional support next year.

What is a Designated Teacher?

All schools have a designated teacher and they are responsible for supporting children who've been previously looked after to help them achieve well at school. Designated teachers should work effectively with parents and carers, undertake appropriate training and gain a good understanding of your child's needs to ensure they're receiving the best support.

Is the funding ring fenced to my child?

The funding is not ring fenced to an individual child. The school can spend the funding either directly on your child, or perhaps to train staff in how best to support children and young people who have been in care.

Where can I access more information and advice?

If you'd like more information on Pupil Premium Plus for previously looked after children, contact your school's Designated Teacher in the first instance. Or for more advice, contact the Lincolnshire Virtual School Team, email: virtualschool@lincolnshire.gov.uk



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Specialist Teaching Team
Inclusion Service

Dyslexia Outreach

Parent Workshop: Supporting Learning in the Home

A free, online workshop, sharing strategies to support learning



Aimed primarily at parent/carers of children in KS1-3, but open to all who would like ideas on supporting their child(ren) with reading, spelling, maths, memory and organisation.

Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7:00 – 8:00pm

If you would like to attend, please email Odette Read, stating your child's school and year group:

odette.read@lincolnshire.gov.uk