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## EXPLORING THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

### Safer Internet Day 2026 Parent Webinar - AI The Good, The Bad + The Ugly

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our Stay Safe Team's FREE webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to explore:

Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity

Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation

Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls

Date: 10th February Time: 6:00-7:00 PM Location: Online

Register here: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

Kathryn Smith, Community Safety Strategy Coordinator



## SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERSE YOUNG PEOPLE

### RECOGNISING RADICALISATION RISKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



This workshop will help families keep young people safe from risks such as online extremism, grooming, radicalisation, and wider harms.



#### THESE SESSIONS WILL:

- Explore how to recognise when a young person might be at risk of radicalisation
- Support you to manage challenging conversations around online safety and wellbeing
- Help distinguish between red flags and everyday neurodiverse behaviours
- Support you to connect with local safeguarding provision

For more information please email:

[kanika@groundswell.world](mailto:kanika@groundswell.world)

#### SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER NOW

##### In-person ([click here](#)):

- Thu 26th Feb, 1pm-3pm

At: Community Safety, Lincolnshire County Council, Myle Cross Centre, Macaulay Drive, Lincoln, LN2 4EL



##### Online ([click here](#)):

- Tue 13th Jan, 10am-12pm
- Sat 31st Jan, 10am-12pm
- Tue 10th Feb, 7pm-9pm
- Wed 25th Feb, 1pm-3pm
- Wed 4th Mar, 10am-12pm





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## Guide for Parents and Carers on Managing Children's Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often-complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier. It offers advice on setting boundaries and bringing up difficult topics that cannot be ignored – not just once, in a cursory way, but regularly.

An introductory blog on the guide from the Children's Commissioner can be viewed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

The guide, along with an Activity Pack for children, can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

### If it Snows!

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows:

We will send out a Parentmail which will provide relevant information as to whether we are closed.

Also, you could check [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

...or listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

A decision sometimes can not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when radio stations/LCC websites are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.

### Uniform

Thank you for the parents who ensure they follow the school uniform policy.

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.

### 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.

### Lunches

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



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## 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.

## 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, Bagh-dad 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.

## 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.

## Class Photographs

Class Photographs will be taken on Thursday 5th March 2026.

## Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 11th May 2026. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests.

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

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 8th June 2026 and is a Government requirement. Information about the test can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonic](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonic)

Year 4 Multiplication Test will be taking place during the 2-week period from 1st June 2026 to Friday 12th June 2026.

Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during these periods.

Absences during this time will be classified as unauthorized, and fines may be issued by Lincolnshire County Council.

## Term Dates

Academic Year 2025-26

Term 3 : Ends — 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

Academic Year 2026-27

Term 1 : Thur 3rd Sept — Fri 23rd October 2026

Term 2 : Mon 2nd Nov — Fri 18th Dec 2026

Term 3 : Tue 5th Jan — Fri 12th Feb 2027

Term 4 : Mon 22nd Feb — Thur 25th Mar 2027

Term 5 : Wed 14th April — Fri 28th May 2027

Term 6 : Mon 7th June — Wed 21st July 2027



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## Attendance

### Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024**.

#### What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.

This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.



#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

**£160** per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.



#### Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

**£160** per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.



#### Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance)



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Specialist Teaching Team  
Inclusion Service

## Dyslexia Outreach

### Working with School to Support Your Child's Learning

A free, online workshop, for parents and carers, to support your knowledge and understanding of how mainstream schools support children with SEND.

**We will be sharing recommendations for effective ways of working together with school to ensure the best outcomes for your child.**



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7:00 – 8:00pm**

If you would like to attend, please sign up [here](#).



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## Ready Steady go to School



**This is a short free online session aimed at Parents/Carers of children who will be starting school in September 2026. Come along and meet one of our Early Years Team to explore practical activities and top tips to help your little one on their journey to school**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00-8.00pm**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1.30-2.30pm**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6.00-7.00pm**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1.30-2.30pm**

**Please use the link in the email to join your preferred session.**





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Hello,

We know that starting school is a big step for your child and for you as a family and it can be an exciting but also a daunting time. You may have questions or you may just not know where to begin, don't worry we are here to help.

We wanted to invite you to some exciting opportunities to help you and your child to get ready for school.

Attached to this email is a poster with dates for the sessions which will be online live events for parents/carers on starting school. Please choose the session with a time that suits you.

**You can access the sessions through these links below:**

Monday 2nd February 7.00-8.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 4th February 1.30-2.30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Thursday 23rd April 6.00-7.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Wednesday 29th April 1.30-2.30pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub also has all sorts of sessions available which will help with socialisation, turn taking, sharing and communication skills. Your local Children's Centre/Family Hub timetable is available on this link [Find a children's centre – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

Click here for useful information on Starting Reception - [Home - Starting Reception](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our sessions, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards  
The Early Years Team



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Inclusion Service

## Dyslexia Outreach

Is your child transferring from **Primary to Secondary** school in September 2026?

Would you like to find out more about how you can support your child to make this transfer as exciting and happy as possible?



## Transition Workshop

Join us for a **free, online workshop**, sharing strategies for support and an opportunity to ask questions. Open to all parents and carers, regardless of which setting your child attends, or is transferring to.

Your child does not have to have a dyslexia diagnosis for this information to be relevant and useful!

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

To attend on this date, please register at with LPCF at: <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>  
Once registered with the Forum, you can visit their Events page to sign up for this event.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

If you would like to attend on this date please sign up [here](#).

Please note, both sessions have the same content, so please sign up to the most convenient date for you.

If you are unable to attend either workshop but would like some advice about your child's learning or transition, you can contact us directly:

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# HANDS UP WHO CARES?



**ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?  
ARE YOU WORKING WITH A YOUNG CARER?**

A Young Carer is a young person under the age of 18 years helping to care for a family member with a physical disability, mental health condition, illness or addiction.

There is help and support available for Young Carers and their families.

For more information, please contact Lincolnshire Young Carers:

Tel: 01522 553275

Email:

[youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk)



# WE DO!





## SUPPORT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE YOUNG CARERS

There is support available for children up to the age of 18 who help to care for someone at home. That person may be a parent, sibling, grandparent, or any other relative who has a:

- Physical disability
- Mental health condition
- Learning disability
- Misuses alcohol or drugs
- Sensory impairment (hearing or sight loss)
- Life limiting condition
- Any other long term illness or condition

The role undertaken by young carers can include:

- Helping the person they care for to get dressed or washed
- Extra housework, shopping, or cooking
- Helping with medication
- Emotional support
- Helping a sibling with a disability

Young carers often take on responsibilities which affect their friendships and relationships, learning and development, health and wellbeing, or future career choices. They can experience increased levels of stress or anxiety, feelings of isolation and loneliness, lack of time to take part in social activities, and difficulties in keeping up with their education or homework.

We all share a responsibility to identify and support young carers. In Lincolnshire we offer a range of support to help our young carers, including:

- Young Carer needs assessments
- Young Carer Groups
- Young Carer Card
- Emergency planning
- Agency support from specific services
- Online support groups

Free training is also available for all professionals in Lincolnshire. For more information or if there is a child you know that you think may be a young carer in need of support please contact:

Lincolnshire Young Carers  
Tel: 01522 553275 or email  
[youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:youngcarers@lincolnshire.gov.uk)



### HANDS UP WHO CARES? WE DO!

