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If your child is absent

Please contact the school office and not the class teacher if your child is absent from school. Please only email teachers relating to class issues.

Covid-19 Testing for Staff

Staff will continue to test with Lateral Flow Device twice a week at home, as per existing guidance.

Online Payment System

Due to parental requests, the school are currently having meetings with companies who provide online payment systems for schools. This would allow the school to move towards a cash and cheque free school, and allow for parents to make easy payments from a device of their choice. Once the Governors have selected a system, we will provide you with more details.

School Uniform

You will by now have had the opportunity to see our new school uniform and we wanted to thank you for the orders that we have received and we would like to update you with some of the actions we have taken based on the feedback that we have received. As many of you will know, this process initially started in May 2019 when we invited our pupils, their parents and grandparents to think of a school motto for the school. It was decided that our motto would be 'Courage, Perseverance and Success'. Over the December 2019 Christmas holidays, we ran a competition for the children to redesign our school badge to reflect the motto.

Over the last few years, we have received feedback from parents about the school sweatshirts/cardigans - fading, fraying at the cuffs, having a neck collar that is too small and the cardigans being shapeless. So, when changing the badge, we also took the opportunity to source a good quality jumper/cardigan and change some of the other items to rebrand the uniform.

Quality and cost has been a high priority and we would like to make parents aware of the following in case it was not clear in the correspondence.

Parents are able to buy alternative non-branded uniforms from supermarkets and high street shops - navy jumpers and cardigans, plain white polo shirts and plain white PE

shirts. There is also the option of a navy skirt, navy pinafore and plain navy fleece.

All pupils are able to wear grey trousers or grey shorts, blue skirts or blue pinafores.

New Foundation Stage children may wish to wear a shirt and tie, but can wear a polo shirt all year round.

Our supplier is a local company and provides uniform to many local primary schools. We compared the products with other companies but felt the quality of the products offered with this provider was better.

We are having a transition year and pupils can wear the existing branded uniform until September 2022. School will only be selling new uniform.

We will always consider any requests on alteration of uniform for SEND children, those with sensory needs or for adjustments on religious and cultural grounds.

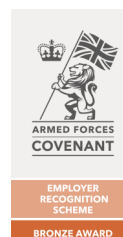
Some of our parents have requested the option of a clip on tie. Our supplier can provide this and they will be available for you to order shortly. They are slightly more expensive, but the same price as those provided for local schools. We will also take the option of a navy polo shirt for the Summer uniform to the governors for consideration at the next meeting.

We have taken on board all the feedback we have had to date but please feel free to provide any further comments for consideration by the school using the school office email address. This on-going dialogue with you regarding the new school uniform is to ensure we are consulting fully with parents and carers regarding the changes to the school uniform.

School Policies

All of our School Policies can be found at <https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/policies.asp>

If you have any comments concerning our school policies, please do not hesitate to contact the school via enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk



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Keep up to Date

If you have changed your email address recently, or you are not receiving Parentmail messages, please contact the school office. Parentmail is used for relaying important information to you.

Bug Club

Your child should be able to log into Bug Club (Active Learn) for accessing reading books and activities at home. If you are finding it difficult to access these books, or your child does not seem to have any books available on their account, please contact your class teacher.

Mathletics

If you find supporting your child at home with Mathematics difficult, please see our school website which contains our school's calculation policies which pictorially explain how children today are taught to work out calculations.

Log on to:

<http://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/help.asp>

You will find help with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

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.

Lunchboxes

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

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/

Key Stage 1 Trim Trail

A big thank you to the PTA for securing the funding for the New Trim Trail for the Infant Playground, and a big thank you to the parents for supporting this project.

Works will start soon on the dismantling of the old trim trail and installation of the new Trim Trail.

Pupils Leaving

To help us plan our classes for September we would appreciate it if you could let us know in advance if your child/children will be leaving Cranwell Primary School before the end of this academic year. Forms for leavers must be completed and are available from the school office.

Many thanks.

Supply MSAs Required

Our School requires Supply Midday Supervising Assistants (MSA) to cover sickness and absence of current staff. The role will be for 1.5 hours on the days required : 11.45am to 1.15pm.

The successful candidate must be willing to help within the hall for lunches, including setting up the hall with tables and chairs, cleaning equipment, managing waste collection and supervising the children. The role will also include outside play duties involving supervising the children, structuring and arranging games and play activities for the children across the school.

Patience and good behaviour management skills are essential, along with a good sense of humour.

You will be supported by colleagues who are enthusiastic about their contribution to pupil development and table manners.

The appointment will be subject to both a full D.B.S. clearance and reference checks. Knowledge of Safeguarding and Child Protection would be an advantage, and training will be provided by the School.

Application forms are available from the school office or via email at: enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk



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Road Safety

A reminder to please take more 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 Spar 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. Children must leave the car via the passenger side of the car to avoid any accidents.

Well done Elizabeth

Well done to Elizabeth Rooke who raised over £200 raised for the National Autistic Society, during Autism Awareness week by making and selling cakes. Well done, Elizabeth!

Well done Eva

Well done to Eva Wood who donated 13 inches of her haircut towards the Little Princess Trust raising a whopping £810. Well done, Eva!

PTA News

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies are currently being sourced by the PTA Committee. Look out for the leaflet explaining this next week!

Tea Towels

Children in school will be helping to design a Foundation & Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 tea towel. These will go on sale shortly.

Stikin Uniform Labels

The PTA would like to sign the school up to Stikin labels in order to receive some commission for PTA funds. The company offer a free set of 5 labels for every child in the school. To receive the labels, we will need to supply the

company with your child's name, but there is no obligation to buy further labels. The labels will then come to school for us to give out. We will not give any other information. Please let us know by email (enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk) by 14th May 2021 if you do not wish to receive the free labels.

Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies

The PTA and School are delighted to offer a subsidised price for this year's leaver's hoodies. Parents of those children in Year 6 will be receiving an email outlining the ordering process.

The next PTA Meeting is scheduled for 9:45am on Tuesday 25th May 2021. If you wish to join us via Microsoft Teams, please contact Ellie at cranwellpta@outlook.com

Term Dates

Academic Year 2020-2021

Term 5 ends: Friday 28th May 2021

Term 6 : Mon 7th Jun - Wednesday 21st July 2021

Academic Year 2021-2022

Term 1 : Mon 6th Sept — Thursday 21st October 2021

Term 2 : Monday 1st Nov — Fri 17th December 2021

Term 3 : Tuesday 4th Jan — Fri 11th February 2022

Term 4 : Monday 21st Feb—Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5 : Tuesday 19th April—Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 : Monday 6th June—Friday 22nd July 2022

Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 1 : Tuesday 6th Sept—Friday 21st October 2022

Term 2 : Monday 31st October—Friday 16th Dec 2022

Term 3 : Wednesday 4th Jan—Friday 10th Feb 2023

Term 4 : Monday 20th Feb—Friday 31st March 2023

Term 5 : Tuesday 18th April—Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6 : Monday 5th June—Friday 21st July 2023

