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Covid Numbers

The numbers of Covid cases within school is currently simmering at approximately 20-25 cases at any one time. There are understandably a larger number of other children absent with either symptoms, or with other illnesses.

Please can we ask parents to be extra vigilant with regards your child, and take the correct action which is needed if they become ill.

We are increasingly seeing more children either showing symptoms of sore throats, colds, headaches and even no symptoms at all.

We recommend that you undertake LFD tests at regular intervals with your children to try to minimise the spread of Covid.

Our number of staff absences has also increased. This is not only due to covid, but due to the fact a member of staff may need to look after their own poorly child.

Staff are working extremely hard to ensure the school operates as effectively as it can, but please understand that we may take a little longer than normal to get back in touch with you. We would like to thank the staff for covering one another and being highly flexible.

Cleaning Regimes

I would like to reassure you that the cleaning team in school are keeping standards very high. Toilets, desks and door handles are cleaned and sanitised throughout the school day. The Cleaning team are doing a fantastic job!

Thurston—Year 5 only

A mandatory information evening for the Year 5 residential trip to Thurston has been organised for Monday 7th February at 17:00 in the school hall.

All children attending the trip must attend with a parent. The evening will go through all of the consent forms, kit lists and logistics.

Marrick—Year 6 only

A mandatory information evening for the Year 6 residential trip to Marrick Priory has been organised for Wednesday 9th February at 17:00 in the school hall.

All children attending the trip must attend with a parent. The evening will go through all of the consent forms, kit lists and logistics.

Supply MSAs Required

We like to keep a bank of 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

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 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.

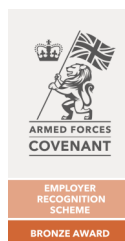
Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.

Important — Exit on the Left

The one-way system in the morning is continuing to work really well with parents dropping their children off. We still have parents allowing their children to get out on the right! Please make sure your child leaves their car via the passenger side of the car to avoid any accidents.

Smart Watches

Please note: Smart Watches are not currently allowed within school. We are aware that some children have worn them in school and accessed You tube and photo facilities. Any smart watch will be confiscated and given to the child's parent. Thank you for your support in this matter.





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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.

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!!

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.

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!

School Policies

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

Please note that the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated on the school website to reflect the new changes in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document Sept 2021.

Uniform

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

Term Dates

Academic Year 2021-2022

Term 3 ends — Fri 11th Feb 2022

Term 4 : Mon 21st Feb—Thurs 31st March 2022

Term 5 : Wed 20th April—Fri 27th May 2022

Term 6 : Mon 6th June—Fri 22nd July 2022

Academic Year 2022—2023

Term 1 : Tues 6th Sept—Fri 21st October 2022

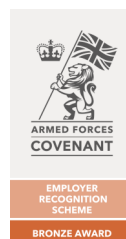
Term 2 : Mon 31st October — Fri 16th Dec 2022

Term 3 : Wed 4th Jan—Fri 10th Feb 2023

Term 4 : Mon 20th Feb—Fri 31st March 2023

Term 5 : Tues 18th April—Fri 26th May 2023

Term 6 : Mon 5th June—Fri 21st July 2023



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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>

Active Learn

Remember, your child has free access to hundreds of books online on Active Learn



<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0&l=0>

New School Library

Renovations have started in school to develop our new Library. Works required on the school roof in the library area have nearly been completed, we are awaiting installation of a new skylight.

Once this has been completed, works will begin on decorating the room, followed by the installation of the new library.

The project will hopefully be completed by the end of the Easter Holidays.

The Royal British Legion grant of £15,000 will go towards the purchase of books for the new library.

New Phonics Scheme and Reading Scheme

The school has been considering a new phonics scheme to be implemented across Foundation Stage and into Key Stage One. Staff will be undergoing further training in this area shortly. More details to follow.

We will also be investing heavily into reading books for the new reading scheme which will be implemented through the school.





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Inappropriate Content Online Advice for Parents

Over the last 12 months the DfE have seen an increase in the number of schools reporting that students, while at home, have accessed content which is not always appropriate, some of which has been quite scary or upsetting. While there is no perfect way to eliminate this risk, we feel that there are things parents and carers can do to support their children online, reduce the risk or manage it after the fact. Here are some of the practical steps parents and carers can follow:

Contact their Internet Service Provider (ISP): Companies that provide broadband such as BT, Sky and Virgin, offer free protection for parents and carers. They can filter your internet connection directly, without having to install anything. Guide on how to use this can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

YouTube is a fantastic resource, but not all the content is appropriate for children and not all YouTube channels are made for young audiences. YouTube has an app just for children – YouTube Kids – but many people don't realise that the main YouTube app has a restricted mode. Check out more about how it works here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/>

Games consoles have features that can limit what games they can play based on the age ratings, and can even turn off certain features to allow gaming to be a little safer. To learn more about these features visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/>

Games are also rated based on the content, not how difficult they are. 18 rated games can have very graphic violence, adult language and themes, sexual content and horror elements. Learn a bit more about appropriate games by visiting <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/> or visit this site for more about game ratings <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings-explained>

It's important to remember that no filters or controls are 100% effective so make sure your child knows that they can, and should, talk to someone if they see or hear anything upsetting online so we can offer them some reassurance. This information from Thinkuknow might be useful <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/im-worried-my-primary-aged-child-might-see-something-inappropriate-online/>

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/UCxMnZ02Sl1AbtIhq-m3rrVQ>

Squid Games

As with any high profile 'game' it is a good opportunity to remind parents of age-appropriate ratings in general, rather than name draw attention to something that young children should not be viewing. The Squid games TV series is a 15. Roblox has numerous games including Squid Games & the rating for Roblox app is 12 years. Squid Games is just one of many 'games' that are not suitable for younger children to view. You may find the resources on [this link](#) useful.

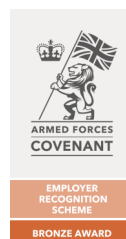
Internet Safety

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/



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NO



TO DOMESTIC ABUSE



**DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE
TOGETHER WE CAN STOP IT.**

EDAN Lincs stands for End Domestic Abuse Now in Lincolnshire. EDAN Lincs is a charity (reg number 1092913) providing support, advice and safety to men, women and children who experience domestic abuse.

We offer countywide outreach services to assist women, men and children who are still living in, or have recently left, an abusive relationship and who require advice and support with regards to options available to them.

We also provide emergency temporary refuge accommodation across Lincolnshire for those fleeing domestic abuse.



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Opening Times: 9am till 5pm - Please call for advice

In an emergency call 999 or contact Lincolnshire Police on 101