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Covid

A big thank you to all of the parents for your continued efforts towards the management of Covid.

We now move into a time period where testing of staff and regular testing within families will become more infrequent. Please can we ask all parents to continue to follow the guidance set out at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

This includes guidance on:

- The symptoms of Covid
- Testing
- Vaccinations
- Staying at home and treating symptoms
- People at higher risk
- How to avoid catching and spreading Covid

Regular cleaning regimes remain in school and children are encouraged to continue to wash hands at regular times throughout the school day.

If your child is showing signs of the symptoms of covid and you take your child for a test, and the outcome is positive, we recommend that you keep your child isolated for the recommended time. Please continue to contact the school office to confirm any positive cases.

Any child who is unwell should not be attending school.

Thurston & Marrick —Year 5 & 6 only

Please ensure any residential paperwork is returned to school by Friday 25th February 2022.

Supply MSAs Required — Urgent

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

Other vacancies at our school are advertised at

<https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/Downloads.asp>

If it Snows...

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision may not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.

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 YouTube and photo facilities. Any smart watch will be confiscated and given to the child's parent. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2021-2022

Term 4 ends — 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

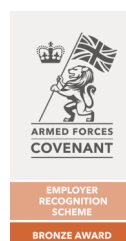
Term 2 : Mon 31st October — Fri 16th Dec 2022

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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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 in 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. Please make sure your child leaves their car via the passenger side of the car to avoid any accidents.

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!

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

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

Book Character Day

On Friday 11th March we will be celebrating books and celebrating reading.

We ask children, if they wish, to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

There will be no donation required by the children. This is a day to dress up, have fun and celebrate books.

Dress up ideas can be found at:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

<https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

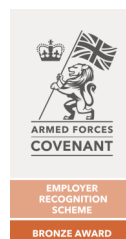
Red Nose Day

We will be helping to celebrate and support Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March 2022.

We are asking children to wear non-uniform, which may include Red Nose Day apparel, spots, stripes, something red or something of your own choice.

Remember, whatever you choose to wear needs to be practical for normal school day activities.

We ask children to bring a small donation (recommended £1) to support Red Nose Day.





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Threadworm

Locally, along with other schools nationally, there seems to be a rise in threadworm cases.

Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in excrement. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing your GP.

You can buy medicine for threadworms from pharmacies. This is usually a chewable tablet or liquid you swallow.

Treat everyone in your household, even if they don't have symptoms.

Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/> for more information.

Headlice

We have had a number of cases of head lice reported by parents.

Please see the link below to help prevent and treat.
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Lunch

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!

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 and 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. Many thanks for your support and understanding in this area.

Nut & Mollusc Allergies

We currently have children in school who have severe nut and mollusc allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that no packed lunches or snacks include nuts/peanut butter/chocolate spread containing nuts, etc nor crustaceans such as crabs, shrimp and lobsters, and molluscs such as

oysters and snails.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Dogs

Please note, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds, including the parent waiting area.

Amended Term Dates

The term dates are listed on this Newsletter.

Lincolnshire County Council has designated Tuesday 19th April 2022 as a non-term day (school will be closed). This will allow schools to take advantage of the additional Bank Holiday announced for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, given that the date selected by the government for the celebration falls during half-term in Lincolnshire. It will also ensure the authority concurs with the stipulation to reduce the minimum number of sessions from 380 to 378.

Term dates can also be found on the school website at:

<https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/termDates>

Cycling to and from School

Iwe have had a number of incidents recently, including children cycling across a road without looking and riding on the road, but weaving dangerously whilst cars are attempting to pass.

Top Tips for Riding to School

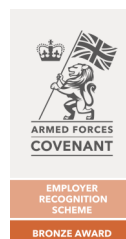
- Ride with your children.
- Do not let your child ride to school if they are not riding with you, or not attending Bikewise Training, or not safe to do so alone.
- Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Ride on the pavement when you can.
- Use hand signals and follow the rules of the road.
- Wear bright colours and use lights, especially when riding at night and in the morning.

Please see below some useful websites to help you teach your child the rules about cycling:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/cycle-more/family-cycling/essential-cycling-skills-for-families/>

<https://www.raleigh.co.uk/gb/en/cycling-advice/riding-guide-cycling-to-school-safely/>

Please can we all help keep everyone safe by ensuring children dismount their scooters and bicycles as they enter the school grounds. Many thanks.





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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 which 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/>

New Games systems?

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/UCxMnZ02SI1AbtIhq-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.

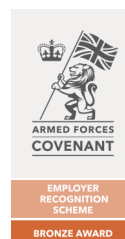
Internet Safety

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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HOW TO BE FIRE SAFE AT HOME

Fire is scary but we are here to help. The first thing to remember is that fires don't happen very often so try not to worry too much and with a few easy steps, you can be fire safe at home:

1. Make sure you have a working smoke alarm. Check with your parents when you get home today and ask them to check it. Your smoke alarm will tell you if there is a fire, even when you are asleep so it needs checking every week.
2. Have an escape plan. If you have a fire, you need to know what to do. Everyone in your home needs to know so decide as a family what you will do and then practice it a few times.
3. Block of flats or similar buildings have special actions that you should take if there is a fire. If you live in one of these buildings, make sure you and your family know what the actions are.

If you or your family have any questions about fire safety, please call Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, as they would love to help.

Yours Safely,

*Freddie, Filbert
and Penelope*

Telephone: 01476 565441

Website: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lfr

Email: hfsc@lincoln.fire-uk.org

