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Parents' Afternoon

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Parents' afternoon once again this year. The afternoon will be from 1.30 pm on Thursday 23rd May 2024. You will have the opportunity to tour the school with your child/children and join in with activities the children are experiencing. Once your visit has ended you are very welcome to take your children home.

Details have already been sent home. If you wish to attend, please make sure you book free tickets via +Pay.

Grandparents' Day

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning for our fabulous Grandparents' Day.

The date will be Friday 24th May 2024, which is the last day of term 5.

With so many grandparents living a long way away from their grandchildren and unable to share, first hand, their experience of life and work at school we designate a day especially for grandparents, great grandparents, or adopted grandparents (i.e. an elderly neighbour or family friend) and invite them to visit the school and spend part of that day with us.

Grandparents are invited into school from 9.30 – 11.45 a.m. and 1.15 – 3.00 p.m. on that day. We shall all be pleased to see the children's grandparents and if they want to get involved and help a group of children with any of their activities – complete a puzzle, help build a model or read a story etc., they are most welcome to join in.

More information has been sent out.

Please complete the form informing us of who would like to attend. Invitations will be issued and we kindly ask that Grandparents bring their invite on the day for security reasons.

Please also ensure that you give permission for Grandparents to take your children home at the end of the day. They will not be able to take children home unless the form attached is completed.

Children may go out for lunch with Grandparents on this day and return back to school by 1.00pm. Please complete the form if children will be leaving the premises for lunch with Grandparents.

I hope they won't feel too disappointed if they are unable to come on this day. The event will be annual; therefore there will be a Grandparents' Day once again next year!

Assessment Time

Well done to the Year 6 children who have been involved in SATs week this week.

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

Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 10th June 2024 and is a Government requirement.

Year 4 Multiplication Test will be taking place within the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.

Please ensure your child is in school during these periods. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

Speaking to Class Teachers

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.

Sports Days

This year's Sports Days will be held on:

Key Stage Two Sports Day

Monday 24th June @ 10:00am

Key Stage One & Foundation Stage Sports Day

Monday 24th June @ 1:15pm

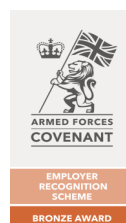
You should have received more details via a letter concerning the day.

Children Leaving

To help us plan our classes for September we would appreciate you letting 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.

Classes for September

As normal procedure, we are unable to predict exactly whose class your child/children will be in for the next academic year. A decision cannot be made until September, when all children return to school, along with the new intake children who enter the school in different year groups. As with every year, this is something we cannot foresee as admission forms are even received on the first training day in September. This then means a reshuffle of some of the class lists to accommodate these children. Staff are unaware of who will be in their classes and will receive their class lists, as usual, in September.





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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.

Children to get out of cars 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.

X— Twitter

Check out our fantastic twitter page at [#@CranwellSchool](#)

You can keep up to date with the exciting things going on in school by following our Twitter account on the school website and [#@CranwellSchool](#)

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.

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.**

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

Term Dates

Academic Year 2023-24

Term 5 ends — Fri 24th May 2024

Term 6 : Mon 3rd June—Fri 19th July 2024

Academic Year 2024-25

Term 1 : Wed 4th Sept — Fri 18th October 2024

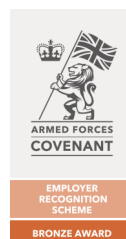
Term 2 : Tues 29th Oct — Thurs 19th Dec 2024

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





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Arriving in the heavy rain on Monday did not deter this group of 36 adventurers from Years 5 and 6. Over the coming days, the children would begin to blossom and further develop their self-confidence, motivation and self-belief. They would be attempting things that would often not be allowed or even possible back in our home environment. The children's eyes were being opened to the incredible possibilities of further adventures in life.

There's no way
I'm doing that!

This is too
high!

I'm not jetty jump-
ing...I can't swim!

...soon became...

I loved that! It
was great!

I am so glad I did that!
I want another go!

Why was I so
worried?

The teamwork, leadership and problem solving wasn't anything anybody could hide from. Leading the group from the front was a role all the children had to attempt on Day 1. Were they able to rise to the role? Well, of course. Every one of them! The children each brought different qualities to the team. This really shone through and their personalities were utilised to great effect as the week progressed. The camaraderie, friendship, sense of belonging and unity grew minute by minute. The care, constructive support, sense of humour and empathy shown towards one another was something which would become a growing trend.

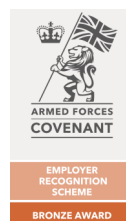
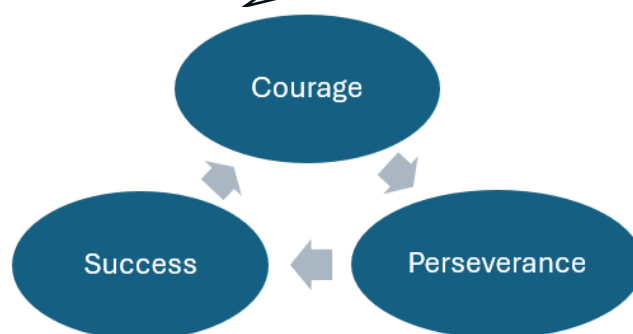
Groups were joined, friends were re-united and instructors welcomingly introduced. Rooms were eagerly and excitedly located, and another set of friends keenly met, hugging and celebrating being together. Chattering about what equipment they needed to get seemed to ebb and flow from the corners of every room.

We are going to get wet
this afternoon!

We are climbing a mountain!

I can't wait to jump in
the lake today!

Once back outside, dressed appropriately, with safety equipment put on, all groups set off with vigour and enthusiasm. This never receded throughout the week. Each activity during the week was met with determination.





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Not all of the children experienced the same activities. Some children enjoyed:

Sailing, canoeing, kayaking, climbing, abseiling, traversing, Ghyll scrambling, orienteering, night-line walking, mountain walking, mine exploration and jetty jumping.

Was everything successful? Mostly, Yes! Maybe some things need further work on. Maybe we should ask ourselves, as parents, do we do too much for our children? It was clear that the children who got the most out of the week were the children who... could change their beds, could eat a varied diet, could do walking boots up, could get changed without losing clothes and could make everything fit in a rucksack, even though at the beginning it didn't look like it would fit! For those children who struggled with any of these tasks, this was the start of something that us, as parents, will need to continue to develop.

But, everyone did develop and shine. Just like the weather improved over the week, this seemed to mirror the children's development.

The behaviour of all of the children was superb. They are a real credit to the parents and the school. It was lovely to receive comments from the public who would come across the children whilst either climbing the mountain or enjoying an ice-cream at the Bluebird Café, Coniston Village.

Where are you from? Your children are so polite!

What well-mannered children

I have never met such friendly children!

How can a week go so quickly? Surely we have only just arrived! We needed another week at least to cover all of the activities that were on offer.

Can I come again?

I loved sailing. I want to do this when I'm older

I want to climb a Mountain with my Dad.

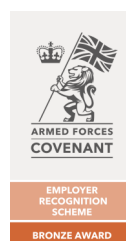
I have learnt so much this week

Are there school trips like this in Secondary school?

I didn't know I liked curry!

With special thanks to the Thurston Team, the school staff who attended and gave up their time for free, but more importantly ...

Corbin, Jack, Jessica, Matilda, Archie, Cain, Lily, William, Catie, Thomas, Oliver, Sebastian, Elizabeth, Alfie, Harvey-Logan, Finley, Clara, Imogen, Ewan, Jasmine, Reuben, Freya, Naomi, Carter, Annabelle, Oliver, Nuing, Oliver, Callum, William, Olivia, Zachary, Thomas, Alexander, Ella-Rose and Liam.





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Cranwell Primary School Gardening Club

News from the plot....

Cranwell Primary school is now proud to be part of the friends of the bee partnership with the British Bee Keeping Association. To achieve this, we had to show that our school is invested in supporting a wide variety of indigenous pollinators by growing native plants and flowers.



Mrs Elizabeth Reeve has been working towards her Royal Horticultural society qualification in horticulture and we are now proud to call ourselves an RHS gardening school.

The maintenance of our extensive gardens is no mean feat and Mrs Emma Wighton, Mrs Karen Fearn and Mrs Elizabeth Reeve along with the children have been working through the winter months to prepare the grounds and tend the compost heap.

Children from 4P have started a composting initiative where the salad scraps are collected from the school kitchens along with the carbon waste created in the school office. Our intention is to have organic compost to use in our gardens and to generate a small annual income to fund our gardening club.

The members and volunteers of this term's Cranwell Diggers Gardening Club have been preparing for our annual Grandparents' Day. We have sown, cut and prepared lettuce, along with vegetable plants and flowering annuals to sell on the day. Refreshments including botanical cordials and sweet treats will also be available. All money raised will go towards our gardening club.

Children from the Foundation Stage have been experiencing a taste of forest school with our SEND assistant Mrs Jenny Taylor in our outdoor spaces. The benefits of the outdoors are well documented, and we are planning to create some outdoor classrooms around our poly tunnel and within the new alpine garden in Key Stage 2 allowing the children to enjoy the weather and spend time learning in natural light amongst the natural world.

Gardening club wish list

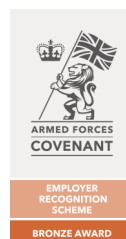
We are at a point where we are almost sustainable! We do intend to approach various people and some local builders merchants to try and see if we can beg some timber for the broken benches.

One of our main tasks is to repair the fence that acts as a boundary between the garden and Infant field.

We also want to make some stoop stools from the small pieces of sleeper that we removed from the Foundation Stage area to create two outside 'classrooms' for Foundation and Years 1 & 2 to use as well as an area for Year 6 children to use.

Going into Autumn we will invest again in some compost and currently have a budget of around £200 which should make it possible for us to run a long through to 2024/25 growing season.

Mrs Elizabeth Reeve - Gardening Club Coordinator





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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 silver 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 silver 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.

Requesting leave of absence / holidays in Term Time — School Attendance Policy

Authorising absence is a policy decision. I must work within the policy adopted by the Local authority and school. All school absence is a serious matter monitored by the LA, Education Welfare department and Ofsted and all school procedures are checked regularly.

I am delighted to confirm that the majority of our Parents support this policy, and their children attend school regularly.

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will still miss out on the teaching that their peers will receive during your holiday. Children returning from a term-time holiday may also be unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. Teachers then must give more time to help individual children catch up on missed work. This poses a potential risk of the underachievement of other students in the class. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department of Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a holiday in term time only in "exceptional circumstances". If you consider that your request for a holiday is exceptional you will need to complete the form found on the school website <https://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/policies.asp>

A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school for the holiday, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Failure to complete the form in the required timeframe, and taking your child on holiday without authorisation will be classed as unauthorised.

In the case of an unauthorised holiday, the Local Authority will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that such a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent per child which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. Thereafter if the Penalty remains unpaid this may result in legal action.

In considering the decision whether to authorise, the following factors will be taken into account:

- Reasons given for the holiday
- The time of the year / term
- Whether your child will miss any preparation for tests / examinations
- Your child's previous attendance / punctuality record
- Whether your child is likely to fall behind with their work
- Whether the school has received any request for other leave of absence that year / previous years
- There is an acceptable exceptional reason for this request (which includes evidence)

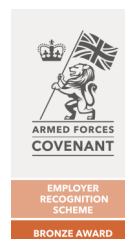
In addition to holiday absence, we have a very small number of children who persistently have time off. The Local Authority monitor children whose attendance which falls below 95%, and those who fall below 90% who may be subject to a penalty fine.

Holidays should be taken in holiday time of which we have 13 weeks available. These include 1 week Autumn half term, 2 weeks Christmas, 1 week Spring half term, 2 weeks Easter, 1 week Summer half term and 6 weeks in the summer.

I hope this explains how the school will deal with requests for leave and any holidays taken in term time.

Our Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

I hope you support our efforts to raise attendance and attainment at our school.





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Late

Please can parents ensure that their children arrive at school before 8:50am.

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.

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.

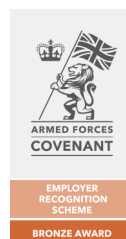
How to encourage your child to read?

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>





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Laws about online behaviour

There are a number of laws that apply to behaviour online.

? Is cyberbullying or trolling against the law?

Although bullying, cyberbullying or trolling are not specific criminal offences in UK law, there are criminal laws that can apply in terms of harassment or threatening behaviour. For example should you receive threatening, obscene or repeated messages and fear for your safety, this is against the law and you should contact the police. Context is taken into consideration and the police will determine the response on a case by case basis.

Some of the laws below are relevant:

Communications Act 2003: This Act covers all forms and types of public communication. With regards to comments online, it covers the sending of grossly offensive, obscene, menacing or indecent communications and any communication that causes needless anxiety or contains false accusation.

Protection from Harassment Act 1997: This Act covers any form of harassment that has occurred 'repeatedly'; in this instance, 'repeatedly' means on one or more occasions.

The Malicious Communications Act 1988: This Act covers the sending of grossly offensive or threatening letters, electronic communications or any other form of message with the intention of causing harm, distress or anxiety.

Equality Act 2010: This Act states that it is against the law to discriminate against anyone on the ground of protected characteristics. These include disability, gender reassignment (when a person undergoes a process, or part of a process – social or medical – for the purpose of reassigning their sex), race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Hate crimes and hate speech If you commit a crime against someone because of their religion, race, sexual orientation or disability, this is classified as a hate crime. Hate speech is defined as expressions of hatred and threats directed at a person or a group of people on account of that person's colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or sexual orientation. Hate crimes should be reported to **True Vision** – www.report-it.org.uk

? What other laws affect the online space?

The Computer Misuse Act 1990 says you can't impersonate or steal someone else's identity online. This means that writing a status on social media pretending to be your friend is technically against the law.

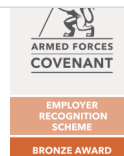
The Protection of Children Act 1978 and the Criminal Justice Act 1988 says that indecent images (naked pictures) of children under the age of 18 are illegal.

Section 33 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 refers to the new offence dealing with Revenge Pornography. This is a law relating to images of adults (ie over 18s), making it illegal to share or make public sexually explicit images of someone else, without their consent, with the intent to cause distress.



LAWS ABOUT ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

CROSSING THE LINE





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Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111. nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.

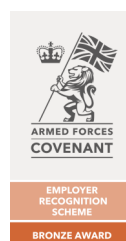


Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 0800 001 4331 (adults) or 0800 234 6342 (children and young people). Available 24/7.

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk





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Your Guide to Health Services While Away From Home



BE PREPARED

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home.
Stock up your medicine cabinet including pain killers, antihistamines, anti-diarrhoea and indigestion medicine.
Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time.
Keep all medication, plasters, bandages and thermometers away from children.



PHARMACY

Pharmacies offer health advice and treatment for allergies, constipation, cold and flu symptoms, earache, fever, thrush and healthy lifestyles.
A visit to the pharmacy could save you a trip to the GP.
If you forget your medication while away from home call your usual registered GP surgery during opening hours and they can arrange for a prescription to be sent electronically to a pharmacy local to where you are staying.



VISIT NHS 111 ONLINE OR CALL NHS 111

Need health advice?
Unsure which health service you need?
Visit NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 – both are available 24 hours, seven days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines.
Typetalk number is 18001.



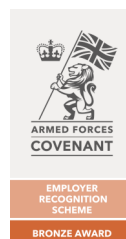
MINOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

For treatment of burns, cuts, wounds or infections contact NHS 111 for the nearest Urgent Treatment Centre where an appointment can be made for you if necessary or they can provide you with advice and guidance by phone or video consultation.



GP

If you take ill while away from home contact your registered practice in the first instance where you can be offered a telephone or video consultation.
If your practice or NHS 111 say it is necessary to be seen at a GP Practice you can register for up to 14 days while away from home or work.
Your temporary GP will pass any details of treatment you have to your own GP.
If you are staying for a longer period of time you should still ring your usual registered practice in the first instance and receive telephone or video consultation as a first step.





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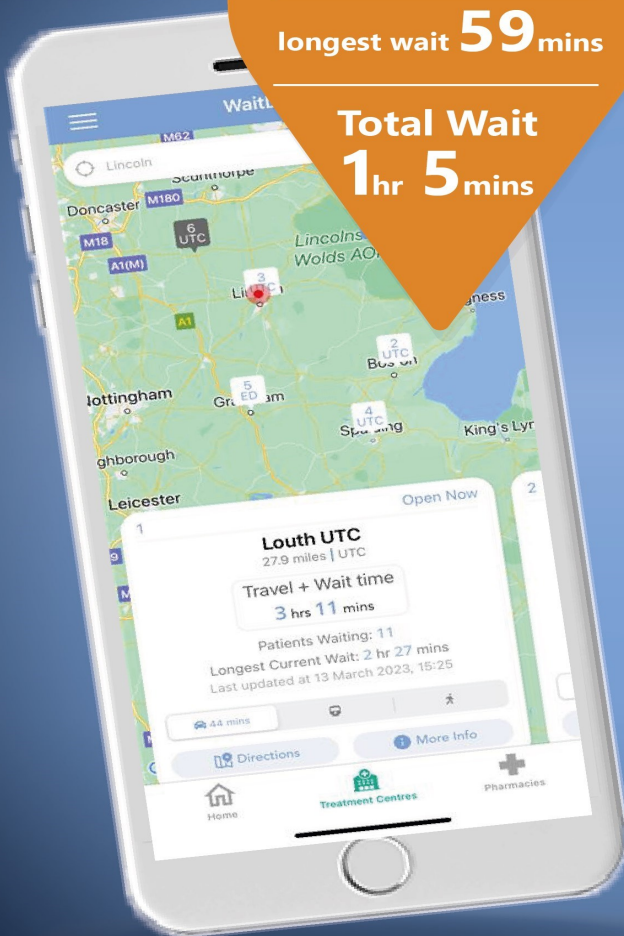


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