



*Wisdom      Courage      Respect*



## *Newsletter 2*

*20<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

### **New Attendance Rules**

Please see a poster attached which makes the new rules around attendance clear. Please do speak to us before booking a term-time holiday if you want to know further details as fines are considerably higher than before.

If you are a Service Family, further information can be found here - [Term time absence for Service children - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk).

### **New Castle Teams**

Our new Castle Teams have been shared with everyone in school and we are excited to be launching them this term. Castle Captains will be chosen from Year 6 and each team will compete for points throughout the school year. Termly prizes will be available.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, we are linking with the PTFA to have a launch day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their Castle Team colours and bring a donation in that colour for hampers which will be sold via a raffle at the Fireworks event. All children will stay in the same colour as their existing team and children in Class England will be assigned teams next week.



**Tattershall**



**Lincoln**



**Grimsthorpe**



**Belvoir**

### **New School Rules**

We are so proud of the children's excellent behaviour and this is regularly commented on by visitors to the school. We have chosen three school rules which we believe will help everyone understand what is expected of them at all points of the school day. These are –

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

We have been thinking about these rules in our Collective Worships and the children have been responding really well 😊.

### **Open Day**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, we are holding our annual Open Morning for new starters. If you have any children who are due to start school in September 2025, or if you know of any families who may be interested, please do share the date with them. Please notify Mrs Barrett if you are hoping to attend so we can add you to the list.

### **Gate times**

A reminder that the gate will be open each morning from 8.45 – 8.55am with lessons starting in all classes at 9am. After school the gate will be open from 3.25pm and must close by 3:40pm to ensure the site is safe for after school clubs and activities.

*Best wishes,*

***Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher***

### Naming items

Please ensure all items coming into school are clearly named. This helps us return items to the correct owner quickly if they get misplaced. As we move into the colder months, this will include hats, scarves and gloves 😊.

Many thanks for your help in this.



### **Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.**

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call Children's safeguarding - 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm). This is Lincolnshire Children's Services who will take the information and log any details you wish to share. The out of hours number is 01522782333 or email [lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lscb@lincolnshire.gov.uk).

### Parking

We ask all members of our school community to park with care and respect for our children and other road users.



### **Rule 243 of the Highway Code**

This rule in the Highway Code makes it very clear that we **must not** park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for the Emergency Services or on a bend. Please take care and make sure you follow the Highway Code.

### **Park and Stride**

The car parks at the playing field and social club are available for use for any parents to 'park and stride' each day. This may help with congestion and therefore help keep our children as safe as possible.

### **Online Gaming**

The UK Safer Internet Centre has published a blog post about online chats in games, highlighting some of the risks to children and young people. The blog provides practical suggestions for keeping children safe when using online chats.

[My child is gaming with strangers – what should I do? - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

## **Key Dates for Autumn Term 1**

### **Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Celebration Worship (Key Stage 1)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – PTFA School Disco (after school)

### **Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – National Poetry Day

### **Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – World Mental Health Day

### **Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Black History Week

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival at Church (9:15am for KS2 and 10:15am for KS2)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wear Team Colours Day (donations to the PTFA for colour themed hampers) and last day of Term 1

October half term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October inclusive. Children return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Term dates can be found here –

[School term times – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

## **Useful Contacts**

Childline: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 0207 340 7264

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553275

NSPCC Whistle Blowing Helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Lincolnshire Social Services: 01522 872111

Anxiety UK: 08444 775774

Healthy Minds Lincolnshire is a children and young people's emotional wellbeing service. For further information, please visit their website

[www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people](http://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people)

If you are wishing to contact Healthy Minds regarding suitability for a referral into the service of a child or young person in your care, please contact the Here4You line on: 0800 234 6342

If you wish to contact school for additional support, our Mental Health Lead is Mr Kidd and our SENDCO is Mrs Tomlinson. Both can be contacted via [enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk).

# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.  
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.  
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1** Day = **2** Sessions

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =  
**£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and  
1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.  
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**