

Wisdom Courage Respect

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our school community,

WOW – Walk to School

A huge thank you to all the families who have made the extra effort to support our WOW Walk to School Challenge. All classes have made a fantastic start and children will be awarded their first badges before the Easter Break if they have walked to school at least once a week 😊. Keep up the great work!



PTFA events

The PTFA are hosting a Disco in school on Fri 20th March and their annual Easter Fair on Friday 27th. Please see their ParentHub message for further details. We are sure you will all be looking forward to supporting these events.

Dyslexia Outreach Team

The Dyslexia Outreach Team are offering two workshops which are free and online. A child does not need a dyslexia diagnosis for parents or carers to attend. You can book onto the workshops here - [Dyslexia Outreach: Working Together with School to Support Your Child's Learning](#).

Tuesday 17th March 7-8pm: Working with School to Support Your Child's Learning

This workshop will support parent and carer knowledge and understanding of how mainstream schools support children with SEND. We will be sharing strategies to help parents and carers to work together with schools. It is open to parents and carers of children in primary, secondary and FE settings.

Monday 11th May & Tuesday 9th June 7-8pm: Transition Workshop

In this workshop we will be sharing strategies to support transition from primary to secondary school. This workshop is open to all parents and carers, regardless of which setting their child attends, or is transferring to. It is aimed at parents and carers of children in Year 5 or Year 6

WhatsApp Group Settings

WhatsApp is a social messaging app that is used by over 2.7 billion people every month. To use the service in the UK, users should be 13-years-old or older (as of April 2024. The minimum age for WhatsApp used to be 16). We are aware that some children in school are using WhatsApp and we are therefore attaching the following information as support to families for themselves or their children.

Anyone can add your child to a group unless you change their group privacy settings within the app. Just like one-to-one chats, users can send text, video, images and more.

Add Everyone groups - These are WhatsApp groups often set up by groomers or strangers otherwise seeking to exploit children. They add large amounts of users and might also ask children to add their contact list.

This gives potentially harmful strangers easy access to a large number of impressionable children. They might then manipulate, coerce or share sexual content with them. Like with phishing scams, casting a wide net could mean more children are likely to respond.

Please see the attachment at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Choking Hazards

Please see a poster at the end of this newsletter with details of how to prepare food to prevent choking in babies and young children. There are also links on the poster with details of how to respond to a choking incident.

Best wishes

Mrs Lucy Jackson, Headteacher

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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 warmer months, this will include sun hats and sun cream 😊 .

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.

Online Safety

Internetmatters.org is a great place to start if you are looking for ways to support your children in on line safety. You can get advice by age group and support in how to set controls on devices.

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.

Key Dates for the Spring Term

Week beginning 16th March

Thursday 19th – Road Safety Workshops for Year 2 and Year 4

Friday 20th – Non-uniform day for Comic Relief, PTFA Disco

Week beginning 23rd March

Monday 23rd – Theatre company visit, 'The Railway Children'

Tuesday 24th – Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Thursday 26th - Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Friday 27th – PTFA – Easter Fair after school. Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate gift.

Week beginning 30th March

Wednesday 1st April – Church Services at St Martin's 9:15 for KS2 and 10:00 for KS1

Thursday 2nd April – Last day of term 4

Week beginning 20th April

Monday 20th – INSET (staff only, no pupils)

Tuesday 21st – First day on Term 5

Friday 24th – Armed Forces Day and Class Identity Day

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

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

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.



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Specialist Teaching Team
Inclusion Service

Dyslexia Outreach

Working with School to Support Your Child's Learning

A free, online workshop, for parents and carers, to support your knowledge and understanding of how mainstream schools support children with SEND.

We will be sharing recommendations for effective ways of working together with school to ensure the best outcomes for your child.



Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7:00 – 8:00pm

If you would like to attend, please sign up [here](#).

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Whatsapp



What is Whatsapp

WhatsApp is a messaging app owned by Meta that allows users (13+) to send text, voice, and video messages, make calls, and share media, documents, and locations, all using an internet connection

Privacy Settings

Whatsapp has the following privacy settings -

Last seen online
Profile photo
About
Status
Read receipts
Silence unknown callers

You can set these features to Everyone, My contacts, My contacts except... and Nobody

Location Sharing

WhatsApp gives you the ability to share your device's location with other users

This can be turned off in settings

Sharing Personal Information

Ensure you remind your children that they shouldn't share private information including -

- names, phone numbers, links to other social media accounts or their school
- locations
- other people's personal information
- links to join private group chats
- photos of themselves including indecent images

Reporting and Blocking

You can report problematic content to WhatsApp. You can also block a user to stop all contact

Group chats

WhatsApp has the ability for users to be added or create group chats, if your child is added into a group chat with people they don't know that will give that person the ability to chat with them.

You can't always control if you're added to a group chat; but remind children that they can always leave whenever they want to or block unwanted contact

You can mute the group chat without leaving the group, this stops notifications but still allows you to check in when you want.

Further information



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Early years choking hazards food safety advice

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For babies and young children, food can be a choking hazard, especially when they do not chew their food well or they try to swallow it whole.

Choking can happen with any foods, but 'firm foods', bones and small round foods that can easily get stuck in the throat present a higher risk. Therefore, care givers should follow these five essential steps:

- 1** Make sure food is **suitably prepared and served** for babies and children under 5 years old. For suitable foods, see <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/> Introduce babies to solid foods from around 6 months of age.
- 2** **Think about size, shape and texture of food.** Cut food into narrow batons, avoid round shapes and firm foods. Firm fruit & vegetables can be softened by cooking.
- 3** Ensure that babies and young children are **alert and seated safely upright** in a highchair or appropriately sized low chair whilst eating.
- 4** **Babies and young children should be supervised at all times** while eating. You will be able to identify the early signs of choking and prevent harm.
- 5** **Encourage babies and young children to chew food well.** Teach children how to chew and swallow food properly, and ensure they take their time during meals. This will reduce their risk of choking.

Care givers and parents should be familiar with how to respond to a choking incident in line with guidance on first aid for children:

How to stop a child from choking: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/>

How to resuscitate a child: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/>