



# Caythorpe Chronicle

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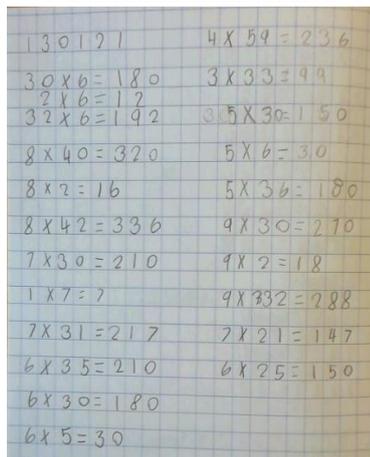
**Caythorpe Primary School**  
**Together**  
**We Will Get Through This**



During the period of national lockdown, we are doing our very best to continue to provide all pupils with a high-quality education through remote learning. We have been amazed at how quickly staff, parents and pupils have adapted to remote learning. It has been incredible to see so many pupils present at their daily class meeting on Microsoft Teams as this is a great opportunity for the class teacher and the children to 'see' each other and discuss the day ahead. The work that the children have completed and submitted on ClassDojo has also been phenomenal.

Staff are continuously working hard to ensure that the children are safe, happy and educated to a high standard throughout the pandemic. As well as providing remote learning for pupils at home, staff are supporting critical worker and vulnerable children in school.

Thank you for sharing all of the work and activities that the children are doing at home. It is great to see such a range of completed tasks and all of the different things that the children are enjoying at this very difficult time. We value your support and constructive feedback so please continue to share your thoughts about how things are going and if we could do anything differently to improve remote learning. Thanks to all of the children for their hard work, perseverance and cheerfulness throughout tough times.



### Critical Worker Children

If you are a parent who is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and are therefore classed as a critical worker we are here to support you to enable you to continue to work. However please may I remind you that **children must only be booked into school when you are actually working** as it is important for us to follow the DFE guidance which states that **'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can'**.

Once we have confirmed that your child is eligible for a place in school, you will need to complete the Key Worker Booking Form to book your child into school on the days that you are required to work. The Key Worker Booking Form will be sent out every Monday so that you can book your child in for the following week. Places must be booked in advance so that we can ensure that we have appropriate staffing levels in school.

Critical Worker Children can attend school from 8.50am until 3.25pm on the days that you are required to work. Pupils can come to school in non-uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch if you haven't ordered one from the Farm Kitchen. Pupils in school will join their Class Teams meeting and complete the work that has been set by their class teacher for that day.

### Symptoms of Coronavirus

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

#### **Main Symptoms**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms

#### **What to do if you have symptoms**

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.



### Expectations for Teams Behaviour

1. Ensure children have an adult with them for support.
2. Parents to be mindful about what is in the background if their child's camera is on.
3. Please put microphones on 'mute' until you are invited to speak. Pupils can 'raise their hand' to signal that they would like to speak by clicking on the hand icon.
4. Pupils should not share account passwords or use other pupils accounts.
5. Pupils should only join the meetings to which they have been invited.
6. Pupil should wait in the 'lobby' five minutes before the meeting start time. Please don't be late joining.
7. Pupils should try to concentrate like they would do in class during a meeting.
8. Pupils should only use the chat feature when directed to by their own Teacher.
9. Teaching staff will end the meeting with 'end meeting' rather than simply 'leave'. This will end the meeting for everyone.

Consequences: If a child behaves inappropriately or disrupts the Class Teams Meeting they will be given a warning and their parents will be contacted. If their behaviour continues then they will have their access restricted and potentially removed.



### Eleven Plus

We will be sending out 11+ information to all of our Year 5 children next week. Please note that this year the tests will be taken on Saturday morning, actually in the grammar schools themselves rather than in the children's own primary schools. Boys will take their 11+ Tests at Carres Grammar School and Girls at Kesteven & Sleaford High School. The tests will take place on the following days:

Saturday 11th September 2021 (Non-verbal)

Saturday 18th September 2021 (Verbal)

If you want your child to take the test then the easiest way of notifying the grammar schools is by completing their on-line registration form. You can follow the link on the front page of the schools' websites:

[www.carres.uk](http://www.carres.uk)

[www.kshs.uk](http://www.kshs.uk)

### Keep in Touch

Whilst we cannot all be in school together during the national lockdown, we are eager to keep in touch with all of our families as much as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to share anything or if you have any questions or concerns:

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