



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 10TH OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE 06/10/25 – 10/10/25

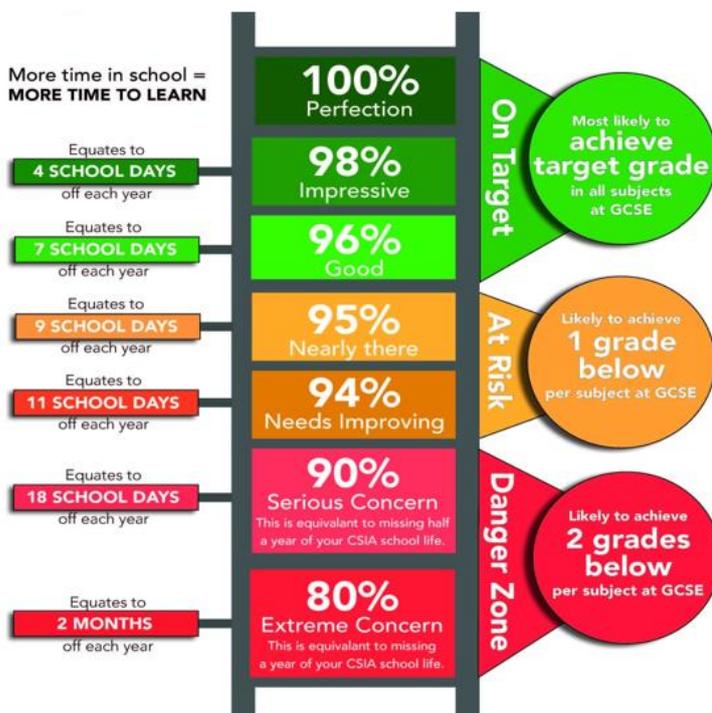
CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	89.7%	9
Clover bee	93.6%	9
Honeybee	93.9%	4
1A	85.8%	4
1B	93.3%	3
2A	96.8%	10
2B	91.1%	3
3A	89.6%	3
3B	92.3%	6
4A	95.9%	12
4B	88.6%	2
5A	94.1%	8
5B	99.3%	15
6A	94.4%	8
6B	89.3%	10

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	24
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	24
Thursday	18
Friday	25
Total Lates This Week	106

Lateness has a massive impact on children's learning. Not only on the children that are late, but also on the children in the classes being disrupted. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day.

97% and above Excellent
95% to 96% Attendance is slipping and will be closely monitored
95% or below Poor (high numbers of children are persistently absent)



For every day your child is absent from school over 6 hours of instruction time is lost

EARLY LEAVERS

Day	Early Leavers
Monday	5
Tuesday	6
Wednesday	6
Thursday	4
Friday	6
Total this week	27

THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground

8.40am – Pupils enter school

8.50am – Gates shut & registration

11.45am – KS1 Lunch

11.50am – KS2 Lunch

12.35pm – Afternoon session begins KS1

1.05pm – Afternoon session begins KS2

3.15/3.20pm – End

STAR OF THE WEEK

2A	Yusuf for his resilience, especially with our science lessons.
2B	Khalill for helping us to have pride in our classroom.
3A	William for his hard work, engagement within class and willingness to help others and challenge himself.
3B	Nehemiah for always contributing to class discussions and trying hard in all areas of learning.
5B	Andrii H for working so hard and offering excellent ideas in English.

APPLYING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

1 st September 2025	The online application system opens for High School places
31 st October 2025	Closing date for applications
2 nd March 2026	National offer day

APPLYING FOR RECEPTION

1 st September 2025	The online application system opens
15 th January 2026	Closing date for applications
16 th April 2026	National offer day

If you are a Tameside Resident, please use the Tameside Citizen Portal.

https://admission.tameside.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

If you are a Manchester Resident, please use the following link.

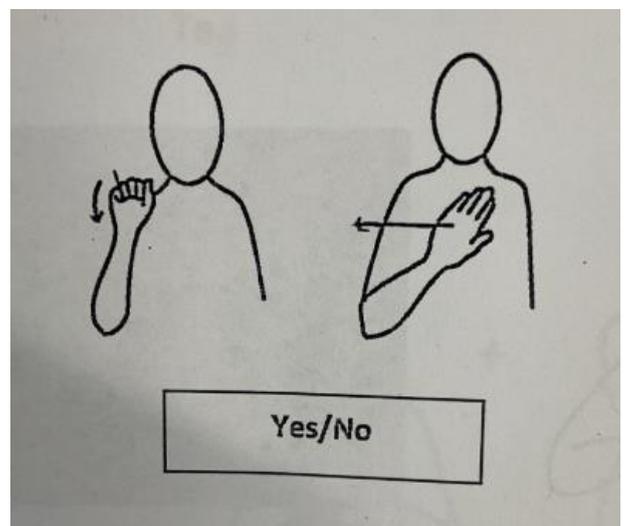
https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2026

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Each week, we will be introducing a new 'Sign of the Week' for the children to learn. We will share this with you so that you can practise the sign together at home and support your child's learning.

This week's 'Sign of the Week' is: Yes and No.

To sign yes, you clench your fist into a ball and flick your hand slightly downwards.
To sign no, hold your hand palm facing forward and swipe to the side.



CHANGES HAPPENING WITH MCAS REQUESTED BY OUR TRUST

From September

Wraparound Care

- We are not allowed any debt for wraparound care
- Bookings must be made and paid in advance

Trips and Products

- No debt allowed for any trips, clubs or products

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 17 th October	5A Class Assembly
Friday 24 th October	5B Class Assembly
Friday 7 th November	4A Class Assembly
Friday 14 th November	4B Class Assembly
Friday 21 st November	3A Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 th November	Flu Immunisation

For focused on life safety, we advise in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it needed. This guide focuses on one app in particular which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HiPAL

AGE RESTRICTION 12+
(with reduced functionality for under-12s)

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, sending private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

HiPal's under-12 accounts don't allow direct connections with strangers (although children seeking more friends can share their 'Friend Code' on other platforms), but for older users, chatting with strangers seems to be the app's main appeal. The 'Circle Square' shows nine online users (having 'received' replies from with another nine), and clicking on someone's profile starts a conversation.

SEXING AND SUGGESTIVE PICS

Almost immediately after our expert downloaded the app, strangers began to message privately – asking for provocative images or sharing explicit photos of themselves. Likewise, in the app's main feed, many of the pictures and videos are innocent – but some are far more salacious. There is always the risk of other users secretly saving a revealing photo and re-sharing it elsewhere.

NEED FOR VALIDATION

Some users – particularly girls – post photos on app of this type hoping for positive reactions and comments to boost their self-esteem. Suggestive images tend to attract more flattering feedback, encouraging the user to post more frequently and with more explicit content. Conversely, receiving unkind comments about their picture can impact a young user's confidence and sense of self-worth.

NO AGE GATES OR MODERATION

Although users are given an initial choice of the under-12 over-12 profile, there is no verification method to confirm someone's age. It is quite clear that the 'older' option offers a more complete experience on the app, but there seems to be no content moderation in place. Likewise, there is a reporting button for users to make a complaint but these reports do not appear to be followed up.

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

HiPal's walkie-talkie gimmick is no different from a normal phone call and seems rarely used, although it allows conversations to still be heard while a phone is locked, which could have awkward results. HiPal also offers 'boom' messages: unmissable large-text notifications which are highly distracting and briefly take over the phone – users can't access other apps until the message fades.

LARGE GROUP CHATS

The app offers group chats with up to 100 people – both friends and unknown users. This not only means excessive 'boom' messages taking over your child's device, but near-constant notification alerts are – most worryingly – the potential for walkie-talkie chatting and sharing photos with strangers outside parental supervision and apparently with no moderation from the platform itself.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Remind your child of the dangers of connecting with strangers online. Some may be using the app innocently; others may have more sinister intentions. Encourage your child to consider what information they disclose in private messages and emphasise that they should inform a trusted adult if someone on the internet ever attempts to persuade them to meet in person.

TALK ABOUT SEXING

It can be an awkward conversation (which young people are often reluctant to have), but it's vital to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sharing explicit images, as well as the emotional impact. Make it clear your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that they should tell a trusted adult if they receive any unwanted explicit images.

BUILD RESILIENCE

With HiPal's lack of moderation, it's imperative that children are prepared for comments they might receive after uploading an image. You can build their resilience and equip them to manage these situations by having them show you any comments they've received. Together, discuss how the nice ones made them feel – and what they could do if someone posted a comment that upset them.

AVOID OVER-SHARING

Young people should think carefully about what they share in their profile, bio and posts. Talk to your child about not disclosing personal details such as phone numbers, other social media accounts or images which could reveal where they live or go to school. It's essential for children to recognise that strangers can assemble a detailed profile of someone based on things they can find online.

CONSIDER MENTAL WELLBEING

Many users on HiPal publicly share photos that are intended to be alluring in the hope of gaining more likes, friends and positive feedback – boosting their self-esteem and making them feel more self-assured. When young people regularly engage with social media platforms, it's important that parents and carers keep in mind the potential impact such platforms can have on mental wellbeing.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Kate Burtch leads on the safety content, education and research who has developed and implemented eSafeguarding and other safety policies for schools. She has written several research papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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