



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 19TH SEPTEMBER

ATTENDANCE 15/09/25 – 19/09/25

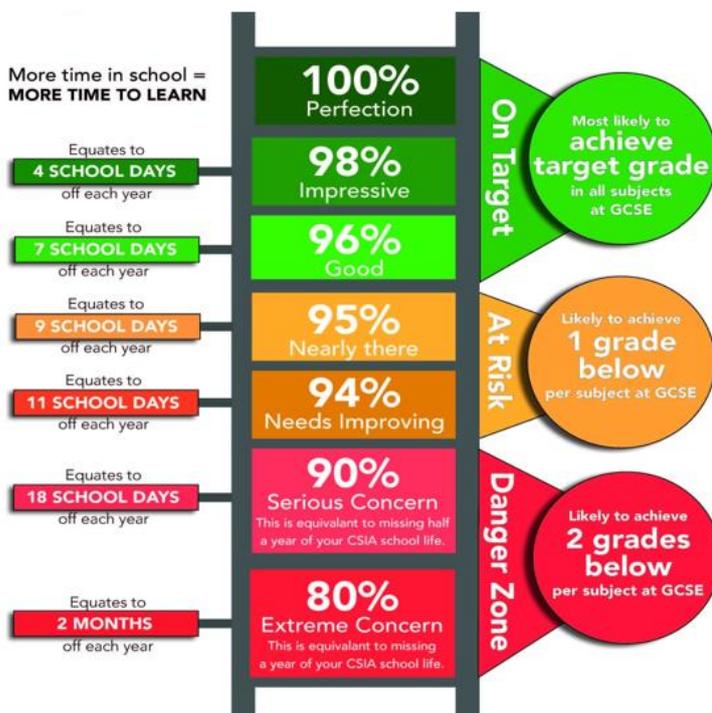
CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	99.1%	0 😊
Clover bee	96.8%	6
Honeybee	88.8%	5
1A	95.3%	5
1B	96.2%	1
2A	90%	6
2B	95.8%	4
3A	94.8%	6
3B	90.4%	6
4A	97.9%	3
4B	89.3%	4
5A	98.6%	4
5B	99.3%	9
6A	90.3%	1
6B	92.7%	5

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	14
Tuesday	9
Wednesday	15
Thursday	15
Friday	12
Total Lates This Week	65

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	4
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	2
Thursday	3
Friday	8
Total this week	21

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

MEET THE TEACHER – WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

We're holding a short "**Meet the Teacher**" session on **Wednesday 24th September**, from **3:30 to 4:00 PM** for all classes in **Years 1–6**.

It's a great chance to meet your child's teacher and hear a bit about what to expect this year. There'll be time for any questions at the end too.

We'd planned to run this next week, but many of our staff will be away supporting the Whitby trip – thanks for bearing with us!

If you can't make it, don't worry – we'll send the information out afterwards.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Clover bee	Ellis for amazing resilience and for making lovey friendships.
1B	Evie for working hard in every lesson and her enthusiasm for learning.
2A	Elijah for super resilience when completing his independent tasks. Well done!
2B	Nancie-Primrose for settling in beautifully into year 2 and always giving 100% with a beautiful smile.
3A	Beaux for her collaboration and willingness to challenge herself.
3B	Osman for showing great resilience and trying so hard across all of his learning. Also showing kindness to his peers.
4A	Molayo for fantastic recall and applying new vocabulary in context in lessons
4B	Isla
5B	Andrii B for an excellent attitude to learning, especially Reading, Maths and English.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24 th September	Meet the Teacher 3.30- 4pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 9 th December	Individual and Sibling Pictures

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

All National Online Safety, its beliefs 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 is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps 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 AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chats, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls; essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING
18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial at Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendship, some users obviously seek to take these relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There is no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a false age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds. While there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'intimacy levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approval' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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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

Open Evenings

Audenshaw School	Wednesday 1 st October 5pm-7pm
Denton Community Academy	Wednesday 24 th September 5.30pm-7.30pm
Droylsden Academy	Thursday 25 th September 6pm-8pm
Fairfield High School	Thursday 2 nd October 6pm-8pm
Great Academy Ashton	Thursday 3 rd October 5pm-8pm
Laurus Ryecroft	Wednesday 1 st October 5.30pm-8pm
Samuel Laycock	Please contact 0161 344 1992
Thomas Ashton	Please contact 0161 368 6208

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