



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 21ST NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE 17/11/25 – 21/11/25

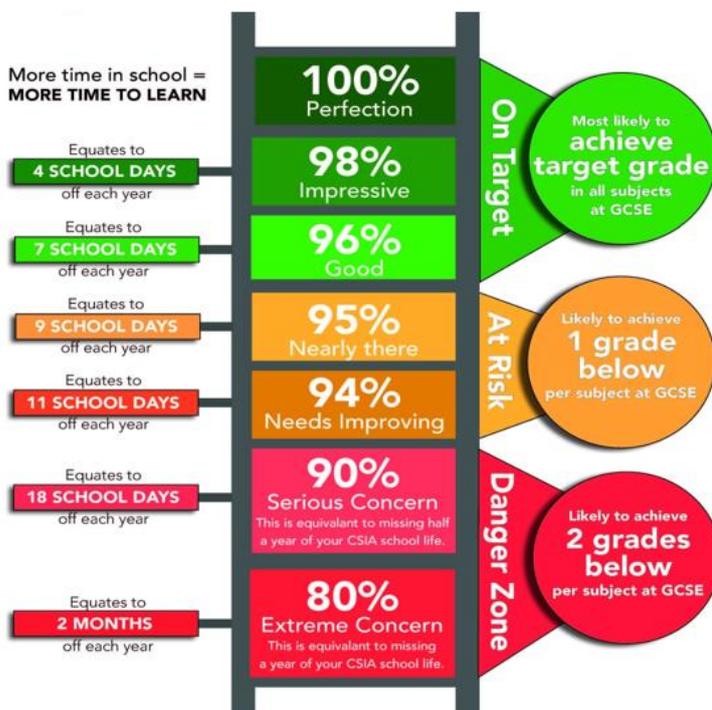
CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	87.2%	11
Clover bee	95%	12
Honeybee	93.3%	4
1A	92.6%	3
1B	84%	4
2A	91.3%	13
2B	95.3%	5
3A	90.3%	7
3B	74.4%	6
4A	85.9%	6
4B	94.9%	5
5A	97.4%	9
5B	94.4%	10
6A	97%	9
6B	91.4%	13

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	23
Tuesday	36
Wednesday	18
Thursday	23
Friday	17
Total Lates This Week	117

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	3
Tuesday	9
Wednesday	7
Thursday	14
Friday	11
Total this week	44

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

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

STAR OF THE WEEK

Honeybee	Aran for great attitude to his learning, and always being a kind friend.
1B	Hashim for his love of learning.
2A	Katie for improved resilience in her learning and her enthusiasm for our Titanic topic.
2B	Rui for an amazing attitude in all areas of her learning. 100% contribution.
3A	Harry for showing empathy during lessons and for working hard on his presentation.
3B	Lyal for collaborating with different peers so positively and for contributing throughout lessons.
4A	Elora for displaying beautiful learning behaviours following our 3 p's

CHANGES HAPPENING WITH MCAS REQUESTED BY OUR TRUST

From October Half Term

Dinners (to align with new menu start)

· Parents to make initial meal choice – this does not include desserts, which is still at the counter

· No debt to be allowed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 26 th November	Flu Immunisation
Friday 28 th November	3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 9 th December	Individual and Sibling Pictures
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 16 th January	2A Class Assembly

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18
CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £5.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthday.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2021, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

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