



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 3RD OCTOBER

ATTENDANCE 29/09/25 – 03/10/25

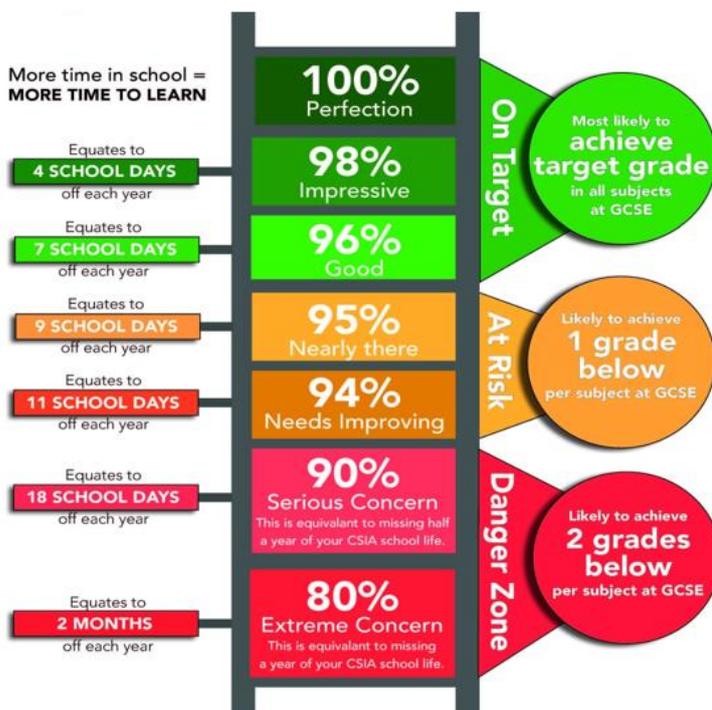
CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	91.8%	11
Clover bee	100% 😊	11
Honeybee	94.8%	2
1A	96.8%	7
1B	87.3%	3
2A	92.6%	7
2B	92.6%	8
3A	94.5%	6
3B	96.2%	14
4A	92.1%	4
4B	88.9%	3
5A	95.5%	9
5B	96.6%	13
6A	96.1%	6
6B	88.6%	16

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	24
Tuesday	29
Wednesday	28
Thursday	19
Friday	21
Total Lates This Week	121

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	7
Wednesday	7
Thursday	3
Friday	12
Total this week	32

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

2B	Aliha for having an amazing attitude to her learning. Showing great resilience.
3A	Harry D for showing great collaboration and for helping others when he has finished his tasks.
3B	Wila for always being resourceful, collaborating well with peers, and giving 100% always!
5B	Sophie for being a reflective learner, contributing to class discussions and always being so positive.

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

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 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow
	6B Class Assembly
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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about and to no safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on some of the most common ways that young people can be trusted to stay safe online. Please visit www.nationonline.com for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING
Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of close peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, emotional distress, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT
It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION
This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS
Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a discreet message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO
A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be "pinged" with an alert. Potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS
Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does speak a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT
Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE
If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the user sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING
In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS
Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS
Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert
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