

## RECEPTION 2024

The closing date for applications is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This must be done through your local council.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 12<sup>H</sup> JANUARY

### ATTENDANCE 08/01/24 – 12/01/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	89.3%	3
Clover bee	97.8%	2
Honeybee	93.3%	9
1A	91.2%	5
1B	99.2%	10
2A	98.8%	3
2B	97%	2
3A	98.7%	10
3B	90.3%	13
4A	90.5%	9
4B	93.3%	5
5A	94.1%	7
5B	96.1%	6
6A	93.6%	3
6B	94.3%	9

### LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	17
Tuesday	25
Wednesday	13
Thursday	20
Friday	28
Total Lates This Week	103

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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	3A going to The Lowry
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	3B going to The Lowry
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Droylsden Walk

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child's assembly on the following dates.

Class	Date	Time
1A Miss Boardman	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9am
Honeybee Miss Thomson	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45pm
Bumblebee Mrs Frost	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	2.45pm
5B Mrs Williams-Moore	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9am

**Please note: these dates could potentially change. If they do, we will inform you.**

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)

### THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35 – 8.50am – Arrive on the school playground

8.40am – Pupils enter school

8.55am – Gates shut & registration begins

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

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Faaris for following our 3Ps
HONEY BEE	Emma for trying so hard with her independent writing this week.
1A	Lyal for showing our learning powers in all that she does. A great role model!
1B	Bobby for showing 100% commitment to learning and using all of his learning muscles well!
2A	Magaret for settling beautifully into our class and having a great attitude to learning.
4A	Louie for engagement in maths and showing excellent understanding!
4B	Gabriel for excellent absorption and being engaged in all his learning wanting to share ideas.
5A	Isabella for showing reciprocity in all lessons and showing her commitment to learning with extra work she does at home.
6A	Nasri for showcasing fantastic knowledge in science when classifying animals!

## READING BOOKS

We are completing an audit of book banded books at school to see which book band titles we need to replace, but before we do, please can we ask that any schoolbooks the children may have at home be sent in by Tuesday. It will be clear which books these are as they have a coloured sticker on the top left-hand corner.

## SURVEYS

Please find below a link to the parent's survey, can you please complete this before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

[Parent Survey January 2024 \(office.com\)](#)

Please find below a link for the Character Development in School. Can you please complete this before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

[Character Development \(office.com\)](#)



As national online safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should it be needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefer and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

#### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

#### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to online – and eventually meet in person – online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODer. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Roblox (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

#### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

#### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play online with, paying for a private or VIP server is the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, some players could invite other people – who aren't necessarily child-friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to regularly check about who they are playing the game with.

#### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

#### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

### Meet Our Expert

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