

If you have any reading books at home, can these please be returned to school before the end of next week.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### ATTENDANCE 08/07/24 – 12/07/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	99.2%	3
Clover bee	96.7%	6
Honeybee	90.3%	11
1A	98.3%	3
1B	95.5%	6
2A	97.9%	5
2B	98.3%	4
3A	93.6%	9
3B	97.2%	9
4A	98.3%	7
4B	100% 😊	4
5A	98.6%	7
5B	95.2%	9
6A	92.6%	6
6B	91.9%	11

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

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

### LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	21
Tuesday	34
Wednesday	25
Thursday	12
Friday	8
Total Lates This Week	100

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
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition session whole school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Drop in 3.30-5.30 pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6: Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal for KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Performance for parents 1.30pm & 5pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	EY Sports Day 10.30-11.30am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Gold Card Assembly for children
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance for EY/KS1 @ 2pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Bouncy Castle for House Point Winners
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance for parents 1.30pm & 5pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	EY graduation for parents 9.15am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Graduation for parents and pupils 4.30pm

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# HiPAL

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

(with reduced functionality for under-12s)

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

## 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 'Public Square' shows nine online users (biting) refreshly replaces these 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 'Explore' feed, many of the pictures and videos are innocent, but some are far more explicit. 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 apps 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- or 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 and – 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-judgmentally 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 Celine Sutherland is the National Online Safety's education and research officer who has developed and implemented national and other 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.



## YEAR 6

If you have not yet requested tickets for the Year 6 Production, we would recommend doing this asap. We can only offer two tickets per child and one show for now. You will be able to purchase extra tickets from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We will send a message out for when these can be requested.

If you have not yet requested tickets for the leaver's assembly and BBQ in school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, please email [office@mrpa.org.uk](mailto:office@mrpa.org.uk). Tickets for the BBQ are £2.

If you have not yet sent in a photograph of your child for the leaver's assembly, can this please be done asap and sent to [office@mrpa.org.uk](mailto:office@mrpa.org.uk).



# DINNER MENU

Here is the dinner menu for next week.



WEEK 3	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main Meal</b>	Cheese and Tomato Naan Bread Pizza with Potato Wedges <b>(GLUTEN, MILK, CELERY)</b>	Chinese Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice <b>(GLUTEN, SOYA, MUSTARD)</b>	Roast of the Day served with a Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes <b>(GLUTEN, MILK, EGG)</b>	Beef Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Fish of the Day with chips and a Lemon Wedge <b>(GLUTEN, FISH)</b>
<b>Vegetarian Main Course</b>	Linda McCartney Vegimince Bolognese served with Spaghetti <b>(GLUTEN, SOYA)</b>	Cheese and Red Pepper Quiche with Boiled Potatoes <b>(GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA, SO2)</b>	Linda McCartney Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes <b>(GLUTEN, EGG, SOYA, MILK, SO2)</b>	Vegetable Fajita's and a Mixed Salad <b>(GLUTEN, CELERY, MILK)</b>	Cheese whirl and Chips. <b>(GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SO2)</b>
<b>Vegetables</b>	Beans & Sweetcorn	Diced Swede & Green Beans	Cauliflower & Carrots	Savoy Cabbage & Mashed Swede	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
<b>Dessert</b>	Banana Muffin <b>(GLUTEN, EGG, SOYA)</b> Or Fruit Salad	Lemon Cake Drizzle <b>(GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA)</b> Or Fruit Boats	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit <b>(GLUTEN)</b> Or Fruit Kebabs	Apricot Flapjack <b>(GLUTEN)</b> Or Fruit Salad	Strawberry Jelly topped with Mandarins Or Fruit Pots
<b>Selector 1</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>	Pasta Kitchen <b>(GLUTEN)</b>
<b>Grab 'n' Go</b>	Cheese Layered Pasta Pot <b>(GLUTEN, EGGS, MILK)</b>		Tomato and Basil Layered Pasta Pot <b>(GLUTEN, MILK)</b>		Tuna Mayonnaise Layered Pasta Pot <b>(GLUTEN, FISH, EGGS)</b>

Fresh Baked Jacket Potato with Choice of fillings  
Cheese (Milk) Tuna (Eggs, Fish) Beans  
available daily

Pick 'n' Mix Sandwich  
Sandwich (Wheat, Soya)  
Crudites Pot  
Dessert  
**(See daily allergen matrix)**  
available daily

Fresh Bread (Wheat, Soya)  
Cheese & Crackers (Milk, Gluten)  
Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit and  
Yoghurts (Milk)  
available daily



## STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Katie for super effort especially with her writing.
2A	Mahmoud for resourcefulness in sharing his scientific knowledge during class discussion.
3B	Sienna for settling into MRPA so quickly and setting such a positive example to the rest of the class!
4A	Harper for commitment to improve his work and absorption in his learning.
4B	Oliver for fantastic all-round attitude to learning and Isabella for consistently displaying the learning powers and being a positive role model for other people.
5A	Myla-Rae for being a resilient learner, who is a great role model to her peers.
5B	Nataliia for a brilliant attitude towards her learning.
6B	Finnley for his productiveness with the scenery and props.
THE HIVE	Ellie for her beautiful handwriting.

# PENALTY NOTICES FOR NON-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Important Information from Tameside Educational Welfare Services – With effect from 19th August 2024 the Department of Education have made changes to the way in which they will be issuing Penalty Notices for non-school attendance which includes holidays taken in term time, please take time to read the below changes.

In law, an offence is committed if a parent fails to secure a child's regular attendance at school. Tameside Education Welfare Service, in conjunction with schools and Greater Manchester Police, will use these powers as a deterrent to prevent patterns of unauthorised absence developing.

Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 10-week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice. Following the implementation of DfE legislation on 19th August 2024, there is a new national framework for Penalty Notices for school absence.

For the first offence committed under the new legislation, the rate of a penalty notice is now £160 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

For the second offence committed under the new legislation, the rate of a penalty notice is now £160 with no option for the second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.

There is now a limit of 2 penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period. If there is a third offence committed within this timeframe, another tool will be considered such as prosecution to answer an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996: failure to ensure regular attendance. Conviction of an offence under section 444(1) may result in a fine of £1000. Under section 444(1A), convictions may result in a fine of £2,500, a community order, electronic tagging or a custodial sentence and a criminal conviction recorded.

The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the Notice being served. Failure to pay a Penalty Notice may result in prosecution as detailed above. Please note the issuing of a Penalty Notice is an alternative to issuing proceedings at court.

Parents may also receive a Penalty Notice for the offence of failing to secure regular school attendance under the following circumstances:

- Their child is stopped on a truancy sweep
- Where the absence is recorded as an unauthorised leave of absence for a minimum of 10 sessions (5 school days) in a 10-week period

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 also makes it an offence if a parent fails to ensure that their child is not in a public place during the first 5 days of a fixed term or permanent exclusion. Penalty Notices may be issued for such an offence.

Parents/carers of pupils registered at this school are reminded that they hold legal responsibility for ensuring that their child attends school regularly and punctually. Please note that a separate Penalty Notice may be issued to each parent/carer for each child as each parent/carer holds responsibility to ensure regular school attendance.

Manchester Road Primary Academy shares the Government's determination to raise levels of pupil attendance and achievement in order to ensure the best possible start in life for our children.