



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

### ATTENDANCE 15/05/23 – 19/05/23

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Owls	89.5%	4
Hedgehogs	89.7%	0 ☺
Rabbits	83.3%	4
1A	91.2%	2
1B	99.5%	1
2A	97.2%	7
2B	98.1%	6
3A	91.3%	6
3B	91.4%	4
4A	99.1%	6
4B	91.2%	3
5A	97.9%	7
5B	94%	11
6A	95.2%	6
6B	94.8%	7

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)

### 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 - Lunch KS1

11.50am - Lunch KS2

12.35pm - Afternoon session begins KS1

1.05pm - Afternoon session begins KS2

3.15/3.20pm - End of school day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Finish for Summer: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July
- Return after the Summer Break: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class assemblies begin at 9am. We hope you can make them.

- 3A (Miss McDougall) – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Hedgehogs (Mrs Frost) – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 9.30-10.30am

### UPCOMING TRIPS/WORKSHOPS

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Year 5 Portland Basin
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Year 4 Llandudno
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June: EY Formby Beach
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Robin Wood (Current Year 5)

### HOLIDAY CLUB

Mr Smith will be running another Holiday Club between Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9am – 3pm. The cost of this club is £15 per day. The deadline to book on is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

# STAR OF THE WEEK

Owls	
Hedgehogs	Avery for reflectiveness, recalling and using our new vocabulary, especially our science vocabulary.
Rabbits	Harry for continued resilience in his writing and improving his pencil grip.
1A	Sydney for resourcefulness in English writing and using imagination.
1B	Sienna for always giving 100%. She shows reflectiveness and resourcefulness in all she does and is a role model to others.
2A	Evie for reciprocity. She is an amazing learning partner and always works hard.
2B	Hollie, Aziza and Daisy.
3A	Jasmine for a voracious love of learning and using questioning and reasoning.
3B	Jack T for his excellent resilience in writing and managing distractions.
4A	Mia for resilience in all her work.
4B	Folasewa for her participation and learning behaviours.
5A	Silver for making good progress in Maths this half term and always being ready to learn.
5B	Skye for gaining more confidence in her learning.
6A	Jacob for amazing resilience in writing and editing and up levelling his non-chronological report.
6B	Callum W for resilience in writing and producing a fantastic non-chronological report.
The Hive	Hussain for marvellous Maths.

## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We have had a few reports of parents having disagreements with the school crossing patrol. She does an amazing job keeping our children safe at such a busy time. Can you please also be mindful when parking, we have had complaints from residents that their drives are being parked over, cars blocking the entrance/exit at the funeral home and cars parking over the crossing on Manchester Road. Thankyou for your cooperation.





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

### 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, griefers 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 use 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 a risk common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. 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. Players can also buy extra Robux (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 in the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct age 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 block 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 Roblox with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server, if your child is a better fan, it's important to talk with them regularly 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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**National Online Safety**

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