



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 2ND FEBRUARY

ATTENDANCE 29/01/24 – 02/02/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	96.5%	4
Clover bee	95.6%	2
Honeybee	86.7%	9
1A	98.6%	6
1B	96.5%	6
2A	96.3%	5
2B	93.6%	2
3A	99.5%	9
3B	85.4%	9
4A	92.3%	5
4B	100% 😊	4
5A	100% 😊	1
5B	90.1%	5
6A	98.6%	5
6B	93.7%	6

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

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	25
Tuesday	14
Wednesday	13
Thursday	13
Friday	16
Total Lates This Week	81

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
Thursday 8 th February	SENDSCO Surgery
Wednesday 21 st February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Monday 25 th March	Year 3 Droylsden Walk
Thursday 28 th March	Year 1 Manchester Runway Visitors Park (Letter will go out next week)
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 5 Viking Workshop (Letter will go out next week)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Class	Date	Time
5B Mrs Williams-Moore	Friday 1 st March	9am
6A Miss Andrew	Friday 8 th March	9am
4A Miss Lawton	Friday 15 th March	9am
3A Miss McDougall	Friday 22 nd March	9am

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

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
HONEY BEE	Hope for a fantastic attitude to learning and trying so hard with her independent writing.
1A	Synaa for wonderful resilience to her learning and for helping other children with theirs.
1B	Harry D for amazing effort in maths this week. Super focus and attitude towards learning.
2A	Renee for resilience in maths. Completing multiplication and column subtraction with exchanging.
3B	River for always listening, making links to support her learning and contributing positively in all lessons.
4A	Anais for attention to detail in her writing, explanations in maths and excellent learning behaviours!
5A	Amelia for always showing the 3P's and being a superb role model!
5B	Ella Mae for amazing work in topic and applying her knowledge in writing.
6A	Darcey for being an all-around superstar! Giving 100% to everything she does and for being such a kind and helpful member of our class
THE HIVE	Alfie for magic maths.

SENDCO SURGERY

The next drop in for parents/carers is 8th February. A club has been set up on MCAS if you would like to secure a place.

Dad's heartbreaking tribute to 'cheeky' five-year-old son following sudden death

Jeffery Ekpechue was found unresponsive by his father and sadly later died in hospital

NEWS By **Ramazani Mwamba** News reporter

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In loving memory of Jeffrey,

As you may be aware, Jeffrey sadly passed away in January. Jeffreys dad has made a loving dedication to his son through the Manchester Evening News. Dad has spoke with school to say how much he appreciates those parents who have contacting him at this very difficult time.

If you would like to read the article, please click on the link below.

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/dads-heartbreaking-tribute-cheeky-five-28535387>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

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

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.

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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 £3.99 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 birthdate.

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 on 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 2022, 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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