



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 31ST MARCH

ATTENDANCE 27/03/23 – 31/03/23

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Owls	98.1%	4
Hedgehogs	90.5%	1
Rabbits	96%	5
1A	88.5%	1
1B	99.2%	3
2A	92.7%	8
2B	96.4%	5
3A	97%	6
3B	92%	3
4A	90.5%	5
4B	99.5%	2
5A	99.3%	9
5B	90.7%	12
6A	99.3%	5
6B	95.6%	11

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 - Registration
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



Have a lovely half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 17th April.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Half Term – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

- 4A (Miss Lawton) – Friday 21st April
- 5B (Mrs Williams-Moore) – Friday 28th April
- 1A (Miss Lanigan) - Friday 5th May

UPCOMING TRIPS/WORKSHOPS


- Thursday 20th April: Year 4 Chester
- Tuesday 25th April: SRE Consultation (Deadline to book place is 18th April)
- Tuesday 2nd May: Behaviour Policy Consultation (Deadline to book place is 18th April)
- Thursday 22nd June: Year 4 Llandudno
- Tuesday 27th June: EY Formby Beach
- Wednesday 18th October – Friday 20th October 2023: Robin Wood (Current Year 5)

Reminder of where kids can eat for less this Easter

Beefeater & Brewers Fayre

Two kids get a free breakfast with one paying adult.

Morrisons Get one free kids meal when you spend £4.49	Sainsburys Kids eat for £1 when you buy an adult hot main
Asda Café Kids eat for £1 (no adult spend needed)	Ikea Kids get a meal for 95p (from 11am)
Bella Italia Kids eat for £1 with any adult main (Mon-Thurs, 4-6pm)	Hungry Horse On Mondays, kids eat for £1.

 #TwinklTreats


Kellogg's **25** YEARS OF SUPPORTING BREAKFAST CLUBS

Morrisons

ASK FOR A Kellogg's BREAKFAST

For the last 25 years, Kellogg's has been supporting School Breakfast Clubs across the UK. Simply say 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at any Morrisons Café, to get a free bowl of cereal for you and your family. Available from Monday 3rd April, while stocks last and subject to availability.

Better days are built on breakfast today and everyday.



AVAILABLE 03.04.23 - 24.04.23

From 03.04.23 to 24.04.23, Kellogg's Breakfast Clubs will be available at all Morrisons Cafés to receive a free bowl of cereal for you and your family. The offer is available at all Morrisons Cafés and is subject to availability. Kellogg's Breakfast Clubs are a free service for families and are not a replacement for school breakfast clubs. Kellogg's Breakfast Clubs are a free service for families and are not a replacement for school breakfast clubs. Kellogg's Breakfast Clubs are a free service for families and are not a replacement for school breakfast clubs.



Hope for Paediatric Epilepsy

We are a parent led support group for families of children and young people with epilepsy.

We provide support, safe spaces and events for our children to socialise with each other.

We meet at 6:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Tameside Wellness Centre in Denton, with some sessions attended by Lianne Fielding, Paediatric Epilepsy Nurse. £2 per child.

Find us on  - Hope for Paediatric Epilepsy (Tameside) or Contact: 07999 360 278 for more information

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TERM DATES - 2023/2024

TERM/HOLIDAY	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
AUTUMN 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 23 rd October 2023	Friday 27 th October 2023
AUTUMN 2	Monday 30 th October 2023	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Monday 1 st January 2024
SPRING 1	Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024
SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 12 February 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024
SPRING 2	Monday 19 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 29 th March 2024	Friday 12 th April 2024
SUMMER 1	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 27 th May 2024	Friday 7 th June 2024
SUMMER 2	Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Friday 26 th July 2024

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 10th June 2024

BANK HOLIDAY 2024

1st January – New Year's Day

29th March – Good Friday

1st April – Easter Monday

6th May – Early May Bank Holiday

27th May – Spring Bank Holiday

LOCAL ELECTIONS / GENERAL ELECTION (STAFF TRAINING DAY)

TBC

At 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 they feel it is needed. This guide becomes one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalsafesociety.com for further guidance, facts and tips for schools.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and live streaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chat, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the app/website were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While this app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take these relationships in a more mature and serious direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for vip membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increases the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'Intimacy Levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 5, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they're enjoying doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The app/website could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approval' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Aitchison is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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