



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 5TH JULY

ATTENDANCE 01/07/24 – 05/07/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	93.8%	1
Clover bee	95.8%	3
Honeybee	91.5%	9
1A	98.4%	3
1B	95.8%	3
2A	96.6%	1
2B	94.8%	1
3A	94.6%	5
3B	96.6%	6
4A	92.6%	10
4B	97.9%	5
5A	95.1%	6
5B	92.2%	7
6A	98.4%	0 😊
6B	85.9%	2

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	17
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	11
Thursday	
Friday	19
Total Lates This Week	62

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
Tuesday 9 th July	Transition session whole school
Thursday 11 th July	Year 5: River Walk
Friday 19 th July	Year 6: Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Wednesday 24 th July	EY Sports Day 10.30-11.30am

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Class	Date	Time
3B Ms Hepburn	Friday 12 th July	9am

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

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND COMMENTS
15.7.24	Reports out to parents	
16.7.24	Transition session whole school	9-10am
18.7.24	Parents Drop in	3.30-5.30pm
22.7.24	Y6 Dress Rehearsal for KS2	1.30pm
23.7.24	Y6 Performance for parents	1.30pm and 5pm
24.7.24	Gold Card Assembly for children	9.15-10am
24.7.24	Y6 performance for EY/KS1	2pm
25.7.24	Bouncy Castle for House Point Winners	9am-11.30am
25.7.24	Y6 performance for parents	1.30pm and 5pm
26.7.24	EY graduation for parents	9.15-9.45am
26.7.24	Y6 Graduation for parents and pupils	4.30-6pm

All National Online Safety, our partners in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help us safeguard children and young people online, should they need it. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in on-line games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within large group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disapproval message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert potential. If this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does cover a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to get them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Remind your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Insure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland 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 comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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DINNER MENU

Here is the dinner menu for next week.



WEEK 2	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Cheese Pizza & Potato Wedges (GLUTEN, CELERY, MILK, SOYA, EGG)	Tuna Arrabiata Pasta (GLUTEN, CELERY, FISH)	Sliced Chicken with Mash Potato, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (EGG, GLUTEN, MILK, SO2)	Chicken Sausage, New Potato, & Cauliflower Cheese (GLUTEN, MILK, SOYA)	Fish and Chips (GLUTEN, FISH)
Vegetarian Main Course	Spring Vegetable Pasta (GLUTEN, MILK)	Quorn Vegetable Curry & Rice (EGG, MUSTARD, SO2)	Spanish Vegetable Tortilla (EGGS, MILK)	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread (GLUTEN, MILK, MUSTARD, SOYA)	Cheese & Onion Pie and Chips (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA)
Vegetables	Beans & Sweetcorn	Savory Cabbage & Baton Carrots	Green Beans & Ring Carrots	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
Dessert	Ginger Sponge with Cream (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA) Or Fruit Pot	Oat Biscuit (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA) Or Fruit Kebabs	Ice Cream (MILK) Or Fruit Boat	Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard (GLUTEN, EGG, SO2, SOYA, MILK) Or Fruit Pot	Beetroot Brownie (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA) Or Fruit boat
Selector 1	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)
Grab 'n' Go	Cheese Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, EGGS, MILK)		Tomato and Basil Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, MILK)		Tuna Mayonnaise Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, FISH, EGGS)

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



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 12th 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 26th July, please email 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.

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.