



Create, Adapt and Learn Together  
Manchester Road Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

ATTENDANCE 03/09/24 – 06/09/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	100% 😊	1
Clover bee	95%	1
Honeybee	100% 😊	
1A	100% 😊	4
1B	98.8%	1
2A	94%	1
2B	99.1%	
3A	88%	2
3B	100% 😊	2
4A	98.7%	6
4B	86.1%	3
5A	93.3%	5
5B	96.9%	
6A	97.8%	4
6B	95.8%	3



### LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	
Tuesday	13
Wednesday	4
Thursday	6
Friday	10
Total Lates This Week	33

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

8.50am – 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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Day	Event
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Immunisations

### PE DAYS

Day	AM	PM
Monday		Year 2
Tuesday	Year 6	Year 3
Wednesday	Year 4	Year 1
Thursday	Early Years	Year 5
Friday	Year 1	

# 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



## STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
3B	Robert for an excellent attitude to learning and contributions in class.
4A	Bella-Rose for a wonderful start to Year 4, being a positive part of our class and setting a great example with her politeness and helpfulness in and out of class.
5A	Delia for being a kind, caring and reflective peer who is always willing to help anybody!
5B	Awa for a brilliant attitude returning to school.
6A	Hallee and Myla for an amazing start to the year and displaying our 3Ps brilliantly in all lessons! Well done!
6B	Jax for having an amazing start to the year and demonstrating excellent learning behaviours.

## UNIFORM AND PE KITS.

It has been great to see the children back in school in full uniform. Can I remind parents that the uniform is a white shirt and a tie – not a polo shirt. If you need shirts, we have some in school which can be given to you upon request. If you do not have a school tie, they are available to buy on MCAS and will be given to the children in school.

We have debated whether the children should start coming to school on PE days to avoid hundreds of items of lost property being left in school. We have now made the decision to start doing this immediately. On the day your child has PE, please send them in their full PE kit – this includes reception and nursery children. If the day changes parents will be informed as soon as possible via MCAS (so, please make sure you are signed up) – but there are rare occasions where it is a last-minute arrangement and cannot be helped.

The PE kit at MRPA is a plain white T shirt or polo shirt, plain black or blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a pair of trainers or pumps. There must be no football kits, or other items which have motifs etc... We do have some spare kit in school which children will be asked to wear if the guidance isn't followed as they will be wearing this all day.

## CLUBS AND EXTRA – CURRICULAR

Over the next 2 weeks the clubs and extra – curricular activities will start up once again. We have a whole array to choose from including sports, gymnastics, LEGO, sketch club, chess, Sign language, STEM, choir, French... and maybe more to add!! Please look out for the clubs appearing on your MCAS app and via e – mail.

Gymnastics and Football have now been added to MCAS. Please note there are only 16 places available, and the cost is £30 as it runs until the Christmas Holidays.

In addition to this, we will also be advertising for librarians, school council leaders and playground leaders. Class teachers will choose our very first PPP ambassadors who will start their roles next week!

We hope the children have enjoyed their first day back at MRPA and we look forward to seeing you all over this next half term.

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 focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

## 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, griefters 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 be on 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 quite 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. People 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 on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth 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 disable 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 online 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 Roblox 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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