

Have a lovely half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 19th February.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 9TH FEBRUARY

ATTENDANCE 05/02/24 – 09/02/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	92.7%	2
Clover bee	94.5%	4
Honeybee	86.4%	11
1A	94%	2
1B	92.5%	4
2A	96.3%	1
2B	91.2%	0 😊
3A	95.9%	13
3B	84.9%	14
4A	99%	8
4B	91.5%	3
5A	92.7%	6
5B	93.3%	9
6A	99.3%	4
6B	89.1%	9

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

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

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	24
Tuesday	17
Wednesday	21
Thursday	17
Friday	12
Total Lates This Week	91

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
Wednesday 21 st February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March	Class Photographs
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 3 Quarry Bank Mill
Wednesday 21 st March	Early Years Blackpool Zoo
Monday 25 th March	Year 3 Droylsden Walk
Thursday 28 th March	Year 1 Manchester Runway Visitors Park
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 5 Viking Workshop
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 4 Llandudno

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

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Katie for settling so well into her new school and for always trying her best.
1A	Archie for fantastic determination, resilience, and reflection throughout the week.
1B	Harry for his wonderful attitude towards learning. Showing lots of resilience particularly in story writing this week.
2A	Mia for being an amazing role model and giving 100% to her learning.
2B	Christopher Paul for his resilience, reflectiveness and resourcefulness, working on arrays and 2 x tables in maths.
3A	Angel for settling in well at MRPA, consistent enthusiasm in all lessons and being so welcoming and caring with new classmates.
3B	Theo for incredible perseverance and resilience in improving his handwriting and managing distractions.
4A	Zahra for perseverance with her multiplication tables and a great improvement in her soundcheck score.
5A	Harry for being more focused on his learning and behaviour.
6A	Leo for showing great resilience during our assessment week, scoring brilliantly and making some very pleasing progress! Well done!
6B	Keiony for his resilience and determination towards his SATS
THE HIVE	Gedeon for beautiful presentation in his work.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?
**Academy Improvement
 Committee (AIC) Member**

If you are interested in becoming an Academy Improvement Committee Member but feel a little daunted by the responsibility you may be taking on, remember that:

- full training will be available;
- you will always be part of a team;
- no particular experience or qualifications are required.

Your Commitment

If you become an AIC Member you will be taking on the following commitments:

- Attend and participate in meetings on a regular basis – three meetings per year - meetings normally last no longer than two hours;
- Share the responsibilities of the Academy Improvement Committee as outlined in the Cycle of Activity;
- Take part in Enquiries for each Academy;
- Undergo appropriate training;
- You may also be invited to sit on appointment or other panels.

What do you need to do next?

Please visit our website www.enquirelearningtrust.org or contact info@enquirelearningtrust.org with the subject AIC membership.

We look forward to hearing from you!

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

This year World book day will fall on 7th March, at MRPA we will celebrate the Day on Friday 8th March. The big theme this year is 'Read your Way' – which is all about children making choices to read for pleasure – reading books they like in a way that suits them best.

Our theme in school is going to be animals!!! We'll be looking at stories about animals, non fiction books about animals and talking about why animals are featured in so many texts. On this day children can come to school dressed as their favourite animal, as something from their favourite book, or in their school uniform. We'll have a great day and will look forward to sharing this with you through our social media account on X [\(14\) Man Rd Academy \(@MRPA Home\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#). I'm sure the class pages and English page will also be flooded so you can see what has been happening across school! [\(14\) MRPA English \(@MRPA English\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Getting advice and getting help: There are lots of organisations that offer mental health support locally. You might need different types of support at different times in your life. Sometimes it might just be about getting a bit of advice or sometimes problems are more serious or don't get better with self-help. When children and young people need help, we want them to find it easily, for it to meet their needs, be delivered by people who care and for services to listen to their views.

Please click on the link for further details. [Children and Young People Mental Health Support \(tameside.gov.uk\)](https://tameside.gov.uk/children-and-young-people-mental-health-support)

Are you worried about how they are feeling?



DECREASING DEPRESSION

THIS Tuesday 6th Feb 7-9pm. £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a two hour online talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page

Helping Hand at Tameside Family Hubs

Come along to one of our drop-ins where you can speak to our Welfare Rights team and find out more about cost-of-living support available to you.



Find help local to you.

Upcoming Information Stalls:

East Family Hub

- Tuesday 6 February
- 10am – 12noon
- School Crescent, Ridge Hill, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA

North Family Hub

- Tuesday 20 February
- 1-3pm
- Trafalgar Square, Ashton, OL7 0LL

West Family Hub

- Wednesday 21 February
- 10am – 12noon
- Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M34 7RA

More dates and locations to be added this winter.

Please let us know if your organisation or venue would be interested in holding a Helping Hands stall by contacting communications@tameside.gov.uk

Family Hubs

Tameside
Metropolitan Borough

#HelpingHandTameside



March 2024

Newsletter

FACE it!



Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

National Standards CPD accredited with certificate

Thursday
21 March

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



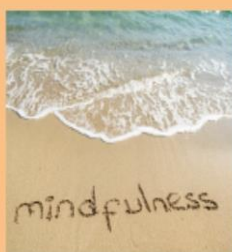
FREE SESSION

Understanding Addictive Behaviour - Screens, gaming, drugs and more

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
13+ REST OF THE WORLD

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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