

Have a lovely half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 24th February.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 14TH FEBRUARY

ATTENDANCE 10/02/25 – 14/02/25

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	76.3%	10
Clover bee	90.8%	3
Honeybee	97.6%	1
1A	96.3%	11
1B	96%	6
2A	93.5%	7
2B	93.9%	4
3A	91.3%	1
3B	97.1%	3
4A	90.6%	8
4B	92.5%	3
5A	90.4%	5
5B	96.3%	6
6A	99.2%	3
6B	93.1%	5

LATENESS THIS WEEK

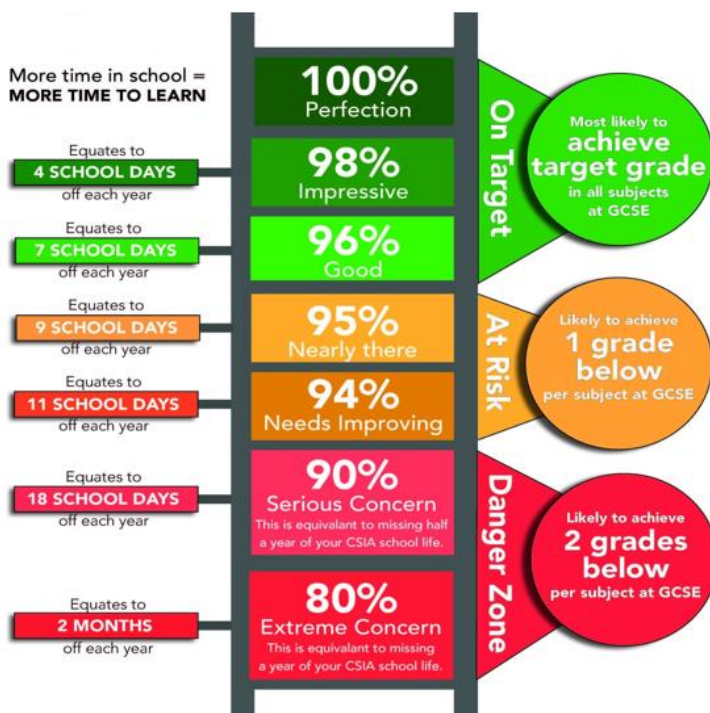
Day	Lates
Monday	18
Tuesday	17
Wednesday	16
Thursday	13
Friday	12
Total Lates This Week	76

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)

EARLY LEAVERS

Day	Early Leavers
Monday	2
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	7
Thursday	5
Friday	8
Total this week	26



For every day your child is absent from school over 6 hours of instruction time is lost

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

Please note, dates could change for class assemblies. If they do, a message will go out to inform of the new details.

Day	Event
Wednesday 26 th February	Class 3A: Lowry Trip
Friday 28 th February	Class 3B: Lowry Trip
Friday 28 th February	Class 5B: Class Assembly
Tuesday 4 th March	Y6: Trip to War Museum
Thursday 6 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Y6: Safe Squad
Friday 7 th March	Class 4A: Class Assembly
Tuesday 11 th March	Class Pictures
Friday 14 th March	Class 3B: Class Assembly
Friday 21 st March	Class 2A: Class Assembly
Friday 28 th March	Class 1A: Class Assembly
Monday 31 st March	Individual & Sibling Pictures

Droylsden Methodist Church

Dunkirk Street M43 7DZ

(Car Park in Albert Street M43 7BA)

Free Holiday Club for 5-11s!

Monday/Tuesday

17th/18th February

10.00 am - 12.30 pm

(Registration 9.45 a.m.)



Crafts, stories, games, songs, snacks

and lots of fun! Contact Liz to book a place
(by Monday, 10th February, please)

email: lizstuartlp@aol.com/Phone: 07821 190322

Don't miss out on a great time!

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	NAME
Bumblebee	Ivy for reflectiveness with her writing and for being willing to 'have a go'.
1A	Finn for working very hard in writing sessions over the last couple of weeks and producing some wonderful sentences. Well done.
1B	Lily for massive improvement in attitude towards writing! Lily has been thinking of some fantastic vocabulary and is becoming more confident with writing independently. Well done!
2A	Davie for displaying excellent oracy skills in class discussions, and a fantastic learning attitude.
4A	Thiago for developing excellent verbal reasoning skills and confidence in class, and being a wonderful, patient learning partner.
6B	Folasewa for always putting in 100% effort and quietly getting on with any tasks.

PE DAYS

Here are the PE days for next half term.

Monday	Year 2 and 3
Tuesday	Year 4 and 6
Wednesday	Year 1
Thursday	EY and Year 5
Friday	Year 1

DINNER MENU

Here is the dinner menu for next week.



WEEK 3	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal	Cheese and Tomato Naan Bread Pizza with Potato Wedges (GLUTEN, MILK, CELERY)	Chinese Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice (GLUTEN, SOYA, MUSTARD)	Roast of the Day served with a Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes (GLUTEN, MILK, EGG)	Beef Bolognaise with Wholemeal Pasta (GLUTEN)	Fish of the Day with chips and a Lemon Wedge (GLUTEN, FISH)
Vegetarian Main Course	Linda McCartney Vegimince Bolognaise served with Spaghetti (GLUTEN, SOYA)	Cheese and Red Pepper Quiche with Boiled Potatoes (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA, SO2)	Linda McCartney Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes (GLUTEN, EGG, SOYA, MILK, SO2)	Vegetable Fajita's and a Mixed Salad (GLUTEN, CELERY, MILK)	Cheese whirl and Chips. (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SO2)
Vegetables	Beans & Sweetcorn	Diced Swede & Green Beans	Cauliflower & Carrots	Savoy Cabbage & Mashed Swede	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
Dessert	Banana Muffin (GLUTEN, EGG, SOYA) Or Fruit Salad	Lemon Cake Drizzle (GLUTEN, EGG, MILK, SOYA) Or Fruit Boats	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (GLUTEN) Or Fruit Kebabs	Apricot Flapjack (GLUTEN) Or Fruit Salad	Strawberry Jelly topped with Mandarins Or Fruit Pots
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



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

18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming 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 chats, 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 opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous 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 increase 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 3, 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've enjoyed 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 safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (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 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 into combating internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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