



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 17TH JANUARY

ATTENDANCE 13/01/25 – 17/01/25

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	82.4%	10
Clover bee	96.2%	7
Honeybee	85.6%	2
1A	91.4%	7
1B	98%	7
2A	79.6%	7
2B	80.3%	5
3A	91%	2
3B	95%	6
4A	88.5%	10
4B	93.3%	8
5A	93.5%	9
5B	92.3%	4
6A	97.9%	5
6B	91%	3

LATENESS THIS WEEK

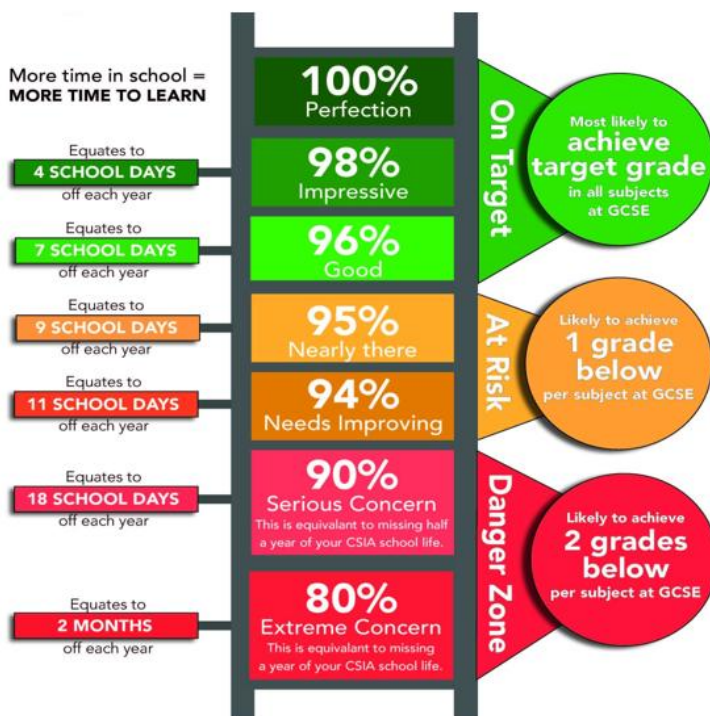
Day	Lates
Monday	21
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	20
Thursday	23
Friday	13
Total Lates This Week	92

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	4
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	12
Thursday	6
Friday	4
Total this week	30



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
Friday 24 th January	Bumble Bee Class Assembly
Friday 31 st January	Clover Bee Class Assembly
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
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
Monday 31 st March	Individual & Sibling Pictures

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION 13+ (Certain features are restricted to over 18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity comesos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-18 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Global report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
While TikTok's "following" feed only displays videos from users you've followed, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be age-rated and amusing, but it could potentially surface something harmful, extremist or even sexually explicit. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of explicit or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads means they aren't necessarily monitored and vetted.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES
Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have been unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, extremist or even deadly acts. One of these occurred with the "Iceberg" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two fatalities being directly related to TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
With around 1.8 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) aren't fully publicly profiled. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to anyone on the app, it also lets their videos be uploaded to others and encourages you to comment on theirs or send them DMs.

IN-APP SPENDING
TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then used as rewards (retaining their monetary value). Gift amounts for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £5.99 to an eye-watering £149.99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthday.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok have an average of 102 minutes per day on the app. Versus 52 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW
Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Home" video is a short clip of a daily video or short clip that is synchronised with the user's location. It's a way of making it easier to take a video, or a meme, or a photo. This option can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING
Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok accounts with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on restricted mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE
Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING
If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. Use a recommendation that you can set up a quite easy for a young person – without needing their device to be a game or significant amount of real money being spent on TikTok so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS
If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks. In this type of app, for example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they receive they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS
If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the potential signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert
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STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	NAME
Bumblebee	Angel for her resilience super effort with reading, and for her lovely helpful and kind character.
Honeybee	Arabella for improving use of her communication boards and talking much more!
1A	Romy for being super switched on this week and having a really positive attitude towards learning.
1B	Paris for always showing enthusiasm and pride in everything that she does. Well done!
2A	Nehemiah for resilience across all his learning and always showing pride and positivity.
3B	Sophia for her dedication to learning.
4B	Wamda for excellent focus in her learning showing great links.
5A	Zayn for working hard in all lessons. His excitement for learning is contagious!
5B	Jacob for improving his attitude towards his learning.

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

