

NURSERY

15th January 2025: Closing date for Primary School applications. Ensure you submit your school application on or before this date. Otherwise, you will need to make a late application.



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Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 22ND NOVEMBER

ATTENDANCE 18/11/24 – 22/11/24

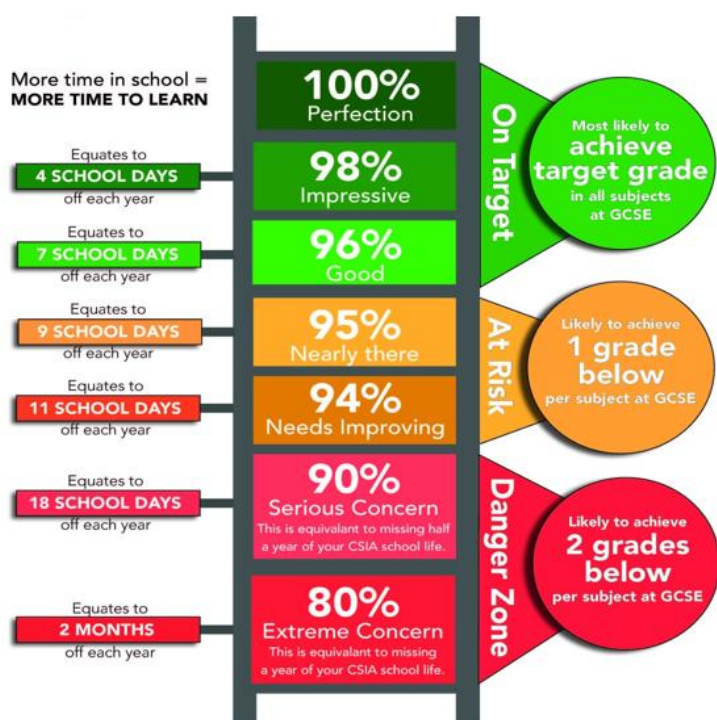
CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	92.3%	8
Clover bee	84.4%	4
Honeybee	94.4%	3
1A	86.8%	10
1B	92.8%	2
2A	95.9%	8
2B	97.7%	7
3A	96.2%	3
3B	94.5%	3
4A	95.6%	12
4B	90.7%	12
5A	96.6%	8
5B	100% 😊	5
6A	97%	11
6B	90.4%	10

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	22
Tuesday	17
Wednesday	19
Thursday	18
Friday	30
Total Lates This Week	106

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)



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 29 th November	2A Class Assembly
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Fair 3.30-6pm
Monday 9 th December	Year 5 Christmas Dinner at Droylsden Academy
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 th December	EY Christmas Performance 9.30 & 2.30
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30 & 2.30
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Sing Along 9.15 & 1.30
Tuesday 11 th March	Class Pictures

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HiPAL

12+ (with reduced functionality for under-12s)

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns photos into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options, one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, sending private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
HiPal's under-12 accounts don't allow direct connections with strangers (though children seeking more friends can share their 'friend code' on other platforms). But for older users, chatting with strangers seems to be the app's main appeal. The 'HiPal Square' shows nine live video feeds to the user's main screen with other nine, and clicking on someone's profile starts a conversation.

SEXING AND SUGGESTIVE PICS
Almost immediately after one user downloaded the app, strangers began to message her, asking for provocative images or sharing explicit photos. Likewise, in the 'Support' feed, many of the pictures shared were sexual in nature, but some are far more explicit, including a revealing photo and an explicit video.

NEED FOR VALIDATION
Some users – particularly girls – post photos on apps of this type to receive positive reactions and comments to boost their self-esteem. Suggestive images tend to attract more flattering feedback, encouraging the user to post more frequently and with more explicit content. Conversely, receiving unkind comments about their picture can increase their confidence and sense of self-worth.

EMPHASISE CAUTION
Having your child on the dangers of connecting with strangers online. Some may be using the app innocently; others may have more sinister intentions. Encourage your child to consider what information they disclose in private messages and emphasize that they should inform trusted adults if someone on the internet ever attempts to persuade them to meet in person.

TALK ABOUT SEXTING
It can be an awkward conversation (which young people are often reluctant to have), but it is vital to talk openly and calmly, judgementally about sexting. Discuss the legal implications of sending explicit images, as well as the emotional impact. Make it clear your child should never feel pressured into sexting – and that they should not be trusted with it if they receive any unwanted explicit images.

CONSIDER MENTAL WELLBEING
Many users on HiPal publicly share photos that are intended to be alluring in the hope of gaining more likes, friends and positive feedback – boosting their self-esteem and making them feel more self-assured. When young people regularly engage with social media platforms, it is important that parents and carers keep in mind the potential impact such platforms can have on mental wellbeing.

NO AGE GATES OR MODERATION
Although users are given an initial choice of the under-12 or over-12 profile, there is no verification method to confirm someone's age. It is quite clear that the under-12 profile offers a more complete experience on the app, but there are reasons to be concerned moderation is absent. Likewise, there is a reporting button for users to make a complaint, but these reports do not appear to be followed up.

INTRUSIVE FEATURES
HiPal's walkie-talkie graphics are so different from a normal phone call that users rarely seem to still be heard when conversations end, which could have adverse results. HiPal also lacks text or message history, so any messages sent are not recorded, which are not the phone's users can't access other apps until the message ends.

LARGE GROUP CHATS
The app offers group chats with up to 100 people – from friends and unknown users. This not only means anyone can share messages taking over your child's device, but – most worryingly – the potential for walkie-talkie chatting and sharing photos with strangers outside parental supervision and oversight with no moderation from the platform itself.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sara Goldacre is a leading safety consultant, author and entrepreneur who has worked for and been involved in a range of major child safety initiatives. She has written various academic papers and worked with the Home Office, the government, consumer groups and leading technology companies in the UK, USA and Australia.

National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Ariana for using her voice more in class and expressing her love for maths.
HONEY BEE	Hallie for always trying her best and learning and using new vocabulary.
CLOVER BEE	Harper-Grace for super singing and being a lovely friend to others.
1A	Muna resilience in solving column addition and having a positive learning attitude.
1B	Aliha for always giving 100% effort to everything that she does.
5A	Darcy for being a resilient learner, being super positive and always trying her best in everything she does.
5B	Awa for maintaining a positive attitude to her learning.
6A	Steve for producing amazing writing and for fantastic contributions during class discussions.
6B	Laycie for settling back into our school well and being determined to improve across all areas.
THE HIVE	Jenson for fabulous ideas for writing.

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)



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner is offered to the whole school, including nursery, and will be on **Thursday 12th December**. We also have a vegetarian option, which will be a Quorn fillet. The cost of the dinner is **£2.25** for children in Years 3,4,5,6 and Nursery. Please email office@mrpa.org.uk with which option you will be taking no later than **Thursday 28th November**. Please note any replies after this day will not be able to have a Christmas Dinner as the kitchen will have the final numbers.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We will be holding our Christmas fair on Thursday 5th December 3.30-6pm. We have asked for the following donations which would be very much appreciated.

- ❖ Friday 22nd - Unwanted gifts (preferably new or almost)
- ❖ Friday 29th - Chocolate
- ❖ Thursday 5th - Cakes and biscuits

We will be having a special visit from Santa on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December. To give all the children a chance to see him, we have arranged slots for KS1 and Early Years between 3.30pm and 6pm at the Christmas Fair which will be held on Thursday 5th December. The last slot will be 5.45pm. For KS2, we have arranged to have slots between 1.30pm and 3pm during the school day on Thursday and Friday. This is because we cannot possibly fit 350 children in during our 2-hour Christmas fair!



The slots will be available to pre book via MCAS on Monday 25th November. Each slot has 15 spaces available, and the cost will be £2 per child.

Academy Site Manager

36 hours per week Term Time only + 30 days

Split shift: 6:00am-9:45am and 2:30pm-6pm

(Hours and working pattern may be negotiable)

NJC Points 8 to 14 - £25333.97 per annum to £28536.16 per annum.

This is a permanent post.

Manchester Road Primary Academy wish to appoint a self-motivated, reliable, multi-skilled, proactive and organised Site Manager to fulfil this key role associated with the smooth running of the Academy.

The fundamental part of the role will be premises management and health & safety compliance. This entails the maintenance and security of the building and grounds, ensuring the cleanliness of the site as a welcoming, safe and secure environment for pupils, parents, staff and visitors, and taking responsibility for ensuring full compliance with current health and safety legislation.

You must also be willing to undertake routine maintenance, including painting and decorating, DIY and general repairs. There will be some later working for occasional meetings, special events and parents' evenings in which flexibility is essential. The Site Manager is expected to attend to emergencies outside of school hours, therefore a full driving licence is essential.

Previous experience as a Site Manager, or in the building trade, is desirable.

You should be able to demonstrate good ICT, literacy and numeracy skills for accurate record keeping and be able to relate well to children and staff and interact with them in a friendly and positive manner.

Manchester Road Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. This appointment will be subject to safer recruitment procedures and a full enhanced DBS check and references will be taken up.

Application form is available from the website <http://www.enquirelearningtrust.org/>

Interested candidates are asked to submit a completed application form to admin@mrpa.org.uk or by hand/post to the school office, by the closing date listed below.

Closing Date: Friday 6th December @ 12.00pm

Interviews Tuesday 10th December 2024

Visits to school are planned for 4.12.24 @ 10am and 2pm