

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 2nd May.



Create, Adapt and Learn Together
Manchester Road Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER 26TH APRIL

ATTENDANCE 22/04/24 – 26/04/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	93.1%	4
Clover bee	96.3%	8
Honeybee	81.5%	7
1A	98.7%	4
1B	98.4%	5
2A	94.1%	2
2B	91.4%	1
3A	100% 😊	14
3B	97.1%	12
4A	92.8%	8
4B	96%	6
5A	93.1%	8
5B	98.1%	11
6A	97%	5
6B	92.9%	11

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

LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	17
Tuesday	24
Wednesday	20
Thursday	29
Friday	16
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursday 2 nd May	School Closed
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 4 Llandudno
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are welcome to come and watch their child's assembly on the following dates.

Class	Date	Time
1B Mrs Simpson	Friday 3 rd May	2.40pm
6B Mrs Pearson	Thursday 9 th May	9am

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

STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Tito for settling in well and super writing and maths.
1A	Avery B for showing a mature and reflective attitude towards his learning this week.
2A	Tife for amazing writing
3B	Maiya for brilliant contributions and producing some good artwork throughout this week.
4A	Marshall for 100% effort into his work and great contributions in class.
5B	Lyndon for amazing knowledge during our Viking workshop
6A	Chloe for producing some fantastic pieces of creative writing which are always a pleasure to read and presented beautifully!
6B	Azai for trying hard in all areas and displaying positive behaviours.
THE HIVE	Ellie for trying hard in Maths.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of today's games which we believe is not used to its full potential. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips 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.

PEGI RATING 7+

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 comments, online predators, harassment, griefers 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.

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 ODer. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

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.

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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