

# YEAR 6

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2024:** Closing date for High School applications. Ensure you submit your secondary 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 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### ATTENDANCE 23/09/24 – 27/09/24

CLASS	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	LATES
Bumblebee	92.5%	3
Clover bee	93%	0 😊
Honeybee	90.8%	2
1A	89.5%	7
1B	90.6%	1
2A	95.3%	8
2B	99.2%	2
3A	95.3%	1
3B	97.7%	0 😊
4A	97.3%	13
4B	98.2%	8
5A	97.4%	5
5B	99.1%	4
6A	95.3%	7
6B	95.2%	5

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

8.50am – 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

### LATENESS THIS WEEK

Day	Lates
Monday	11
Tuesday	12
Wednesday	19
Thursday	14
Friday	10
Total Lates This Week	66

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

Day	Event
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Bake Sale @ 3.15pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	4A Class Assembly
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	3B Class Assembly
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Robin Wood
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6: Flip Out
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6: Bowling
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2A Class Assembly
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Nursery & Reception Copperas Field Walk
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	6A Class Assembly
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner

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

# DINNER MENU

Here is the dinner menu for next week.



WEEK 2	GREEN MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main Meal</b>	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)
<b>Vegetarian Main Course</b>	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)
<b>Vegetables</b>	Beans & Sweetcorn	Savory Cabbage & Baton Carrots	Green Beans & Ring Carrots	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	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
<b>Selector 1</b>	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)	Pasta Kitchen (GLUTEN)
<b>Grab 'n' Go</b>	Cheese Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, EGGS, MILK)		Tomato and Basil Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, MILK)		Tuna Mayonnaise Layered Pasta Pot (GLUTEN, FISH, EGGS)



# HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

If there are any school you would like to visit which are not on the list, please check the school website.

School Name	Date	Time
Laurus Rycroft	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5.30-8pm
Audenshaw school	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	5-7pm
Fairfield high school	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	6-8pm

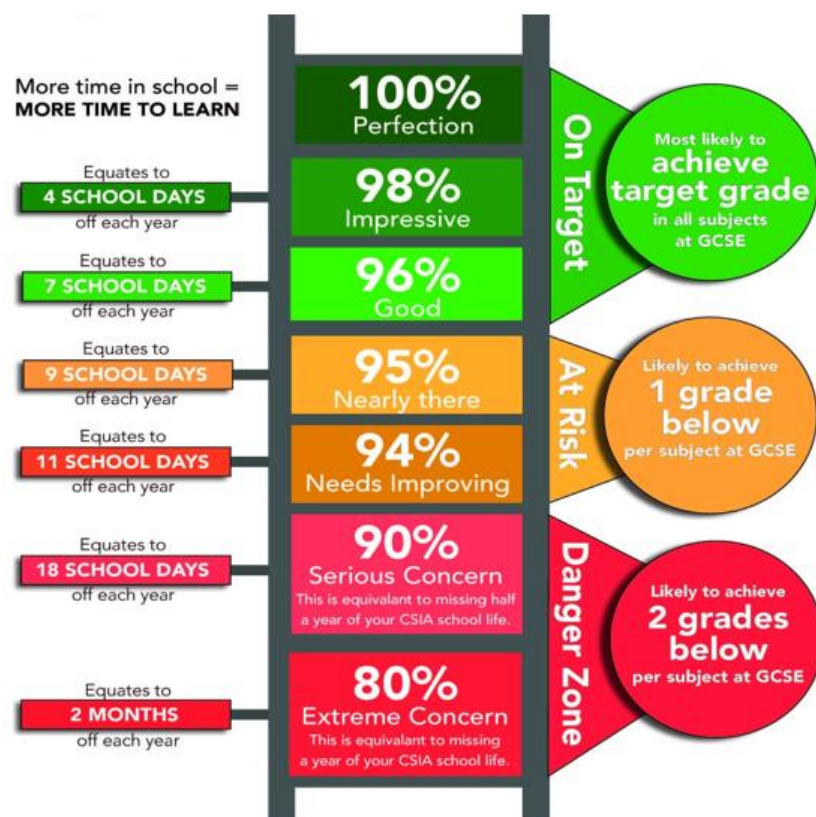
Community special schools (for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans).

Please contact the special schools direct for details of their open days.

School name	Contact details
Cromwell High School	Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield SK16 5BJ Phone: 0161 338 9730
Samuel Laycock	Ashton Campus, Broadoak Road, Ashton OL6 8RF Phone: 0161 344 1992
Thomas Ashton	Bennett Street, Hyde SK14 4SS Phone: 0161 368 6208

# STAR OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STAR
BUMBLE BEE	Paddy for his resilience with practising his letters.
CLOVER BEE	Lily-Jo from Clover Bees for having such a positive attitude for learning.
1A	Shabach for really improving his concentration and working hard. Showing much more resilience.
1B	Lyla for being a fantastic role model and showing a wonderful attitude towards her learning
2A	Mardhiyyah resilience across all learning.
2B	Leroy for being reflective in learning and being a fantastic role model, demonstrating all our learning powers consistently.
3A	Isla for perseverance with her writing and excellent maths knowledge.
3B	Mahmoud for excellent effort and contributions in lessons.
4A	Maiya for always showing the 3 Ps with staff and pupils, and being a supportive, positive member of our class.
5A	Poppy and Renaya for being so committed to their learning.
5B	Sophie for showing pride in her work.
6A	Joshua for excellent contributions in English and producing some writing that was a pleasure to read.
6B	Ella Mae for always demonstrating the 3p's and for being a fabulous member of the class.
THE HIVE	Jenson for fabulous English work.



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

# 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 cameos 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-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting 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 someone follows, "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 light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 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) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### 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 sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £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 spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 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 Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition 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 account 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. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins 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 realise 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 possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are falling to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.



### Meet Our Expert

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