











# Newsletter 17th November 2023

Every lesson counts - your child must attend school every single day for the best chance of success!

 <p><b>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A <i>FLYING START!</i></b></p>	 <p><b>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN <b>DOUBLE</b> THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</b></p>	 <p><b>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES <b>10%</b> OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</b></p>	<p><b>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p>  <p><b>Improves reading</b></p> <p><i>Writing</i> + <b>MATHS SKILLS</b></p>
 <p><b>THERE ARE <b>175</b> DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</b></p>	 <p><b>100s OF SUBJECTS   1000s OF CLASSES</b></p> <p><b>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</b></p>	 <p><b>TURNING UP JUST <b>5 MINUTES LATE</b> EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO <b>OVER 3 DAYS LOST</b> IN THE YEAR!</b></p>	<p><b>MORE SCHOOL =</b></p>  <p><b>HIGHER GRADES</b> <b>INCREASED CONFIDENCE</b> <b>MORE FRIENDS</b> <b>BRIGHTER FUTURE</b></p>

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*Our best attending classes this week are:*

*1st Emerald 99.6%*

*2nd Gold 99%*

*3rd Copper 98.6*

*National Average attendance this week is 95%. Our attendance is continuing to improve! Well done for giving your children the very best start for their academic success!*

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## Attendance Procedures and Autumn and Winter Illness



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*As we approach Autumn and the weather changes, illnesses such as colds and flu come become more common.*

*We can often feel worse in the morning and if your child is feeling unwell but can come into school, please make sure that they do.*

Please call 0121 327 1023 or email [enquiry@manorparkacademy.org](mailto:enquiry@manorparkacademy.org) to inform us if this is the case and we can monitor them throughout the day; **we will always contact you if your child is too unwell to continue at school.**

*We find that this approach often reduces the amount of time lost to avoidable absence (and children usually feel much better as the day goes on!)*

*Thank you for your support*

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## Absences and Fines

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance is an important area that we take seriously at Manor Park Academy. As you are aware the government has implemented attendance fines to encourage consistent attendance and to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. These fines are imposed when a child's attendance falls below 10 sessions missed or absence without authorised leave. While our aim is not to penalise families, it is important to be aware of the potential consequences of continued non-compliance with attendance policies.

We have 6 parents from 3 families that have been taken through the legal process related to attendance and have been sent fines.

Regular school attendance is of the greatest importance for your child's academic progress and overall development. Attending school every day ensures that your child receives the necessary education, engages in valuable interactions with staff and their class, and establishes good habits for their future. We understand that there may be circumstances beyond your control that can lead to absences. In such cases, it is vital that you inform the school in advance and provide necessary documentation and ongoing communication around any absences.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued co-operation. Together, we can ensure the best possible educational experience for your child.

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# Headteacher's Message

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*Dear Families*

*This week, Anti-bullying assemblies and lessons took place in school, discussing what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. To find out more, please visit <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>.*

*Next week is Road Safety Week; this aims to raise awareness of the dangers of excess or inappropriate speed. Find out more by visiting <https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week>.*

*On Thursday, we welcomed Cathie Paine, CEO of REAch2 Trust, into school to meet staff and children. She was delighted to visit classrooms and to talk to the children about their learning in school. Also, today, our Chair of Governors Dionne Morah, visited our Coffee and Tea morning to meet parents and carers. Many thanks to all of the parents who joined our two Coffee and Tea Mornings this week; we are looking forward to hosting more in the future and are hoping to offer some that take place later in the school day following parent feedback. Please speak with Miss Green or Ms Chapman if you have any suggestions for future events.*

*Please visit our uniform page <https://www.manorparkacademy.co.uk/about-us/school-uniform/> for a reminder of PE kit (plain white t-shirt and black shorts or leggings). In PE lessons when children may be joining in with contact sports, we request that headscarves are not worn loosely for health and safety reasons.*

*Visit our X (formerly known as Twitter) feed to find out about events in school this week, including Mrs Howarth's visit to the Eastside Project with pupils to celebrate their film that is on show as part of an exhibition!*

*Kind regards,*

*Ms Chapman*

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Do you have a child with Asthma? Please read!



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*Many children in the UK have Asthma but did you know that you should have an Asthma Management Plan? This is so important to help you manage your child's asthma well.*

*Please download FREE here: [Child Asthma Action Plan – Asthma + Lung UK \(asthmaandlung.org.uk\)](http://asthmaandlung.org.uk)*

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Stars of Manor Park



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**STAR OF THE WEEK!**

*These children were especially chosen because they have shown all of our school values consistently this week!*

*Nursery Malachi*

*Indigo Naod*

*Violet Amir*

*Copper James*

*Gold David*

*Aqua Safa*

*Turquoise Zakariya*

*Crimson Samit*

*Cerise Khadijah*

*Bronze Zahara*

*Ochre Ibrahim*

*Topaz Rida*

*Ruby Abubakar*

*Emerald Somaya*

*Teal Raniya*

*A big well done to you all!*

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## House Points!



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### *House points :*

*1st Edwards 1719*

*2nd Berners-Lee 1652*

*3rd Aston 1620*

*4th Lightwood 1435*

*Well done Edwards!*

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

HELLO MY NAME IS OSCAR



Thinking of a career in teaching?

# Thinking 🤔 about a career in teaching?



REAch Teach  
Get into Teaching Event



Manor Park Primary Academy



Friday, December 1



9am



12 noon








Have you ever thought about a career in teaching, but didn't know enough about it? ✨

Come to our Open Day to find out more! 🙌

Our open day will explore what a career in teaching could offer you. Come along and discover more about becoming a teacher.

**REAch Teach**  
Postgraduate ITT programme

Local ESOL Classes! Pop to the office for more information!

  <h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCAL ESOL CLASSES</u></h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;"><b>ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEGINNER ENGLISH CLASSES?</b></h3> <p><b>You will be able to improve your speaking and listening skills!</b></p> <p><b>You will learn English in a relaxed environment with a great tutor!</b></p> <p><b>The course will help you to develop your English language skills for work, further learning and everyday life!</b></p> <p><b>Classes will be delivered locally, last for 12 weeks, dates and times to be confirmed.</b></p> <p><b>Entry 1, Entry 2 &amp; Entry 3</b></p> <p><small>Our ESOL Courses are accredited by City &amp; Guilds. Our courses are funded for eligible learners. Learners have to be aged 19+.</small></p> <p><small>Please check with a member of staff to see whether you are eligible for the course.</small></p> <p>07305 058 786    gurpreet@cecos.ac.uk    <a href="https://cecos.ac.uk/">https://cecos.ac.uk/</a></p>	  <h2 style="text-align: center;"><b>Functional Skills Course - English and Maths</b></h2> <p><b>Ready to take your English and Maths to the next level? We have classes in your local area!</b></p> <p><b>Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3, &amp; Level 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extract information from lists, tables, diagrams and bar charts</li><li>• How to understand different measurements &amp; fractions</li><li>• Understand whole numbers, fractions and decimal</li><li>• Understand &amp; calculate with British money</li><li>• Learn British Values such as equality &amp; safeguarding</li><li>• Communicate information, ideas and opinions clearly, coherently and accurately</li><li>• How to structure sentences, improve spelling and punctuation</li></ul>  <p><small>Our Functional Skills Courses are accredited by City &amp; Guilds. Our courses are funded for eligible learners and can be delivered at a venue in your local area. Learners have to be aged 19+.</small></p> <p><small>Please check with a member of staff to see whether you are eligible for the course.</small></p> <p>07305 058 786    gurpreet@cecos.ac.uk    <a href="https://cecos.ac.uk/">https://cecos.ac.uk/</a></p>
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Pathways to gain new skills, upskill and progress into employment.

### Birmingham courses:

- Award in ESOL Speaking and Listening: Entry 1, 2 & 3
- Functional Skills in English: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3 & Level 1
- Functional Skills in Maths: Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3 & Level 1
- Essential Digital Skills - Entry 3 & Level 1
- Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 2 Certificate in Accounting
- Level 2 Certificate in Bookkeeping
- Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Business
- Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Team Leading
- Level 2 Diploma in ICT Systems Support
- Level 2 Diploma in Team Leading

Your courses are accredited by City and Guilds, NCFE and BCS. They are funded for eligible learners and are delivered within a classroom setting or remotely.

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### Digital Skills - Entry 3 and Level 1

During this course, you will be studying a range of topics at a venue in your local area.

- Using Devices and Handling Information
- Creating and Editing
- Transacting - Purchasing Online
- Being Safe and Responsible Online



The BCS Entry 3 & Level 1 Essential Digital Skills for Work qualification has been created to help you learn the basics of using computers, smartphones and tablets.

As well as this, specific basic skills will be covered such as turning on a device including entering and updating any account information safely, using the mouse and keyboard for a computer or touchscreen on a smartphone or tablet and connecting to the internet (including Wi-Fi) safely and securely before opening a browser.

Our team will be happy to help you see if you are eligible for the course. However, you must meet these requirements to do the course:

- Learners have to be aged 19 +
- Have a good level of both speaking and writing in English
- Not studied an IT qualification beforehand

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*The Waiting Room has been developed for citizens across Birmingham to provide links to 100's of Birmingham and Solihull based services that can help you take more control of your own health and wellbeing. It also provides links to key national organisations that can help you be more informed of the options available.*

*Manor Park Academy use these services to support children and families. If you need any support or advice, call in at the office to discuss these services.*

[Home - The Waiting Room \(the-waitingroom.org\)](http://the-waitingroom.org)

*Lots more photos uploaded!* Please follow us on 'X'





Manor Park Prim...

101 posts



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**Manor Park Primary Academy** · 20h



Many thanks to parents and carers who came along to our Autism Awareness Coffee Morning on Wednesday! Fantastic feedback and suggestions

[#workingtogether](#)



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Many thanks to Mrs Howarth and all of the children who visited the gallery [eastsideprojects.org](https://eastsideprojects.org) to celebrate their film project





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**Manor Park Primary Academy ...** · 3d

More of our amazing new school  
councillors elected last week!

[#democracy](#) [#schoolcouncil](#) [#elections](#)



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**Manor Park Primary Academy ...** · 7h ·

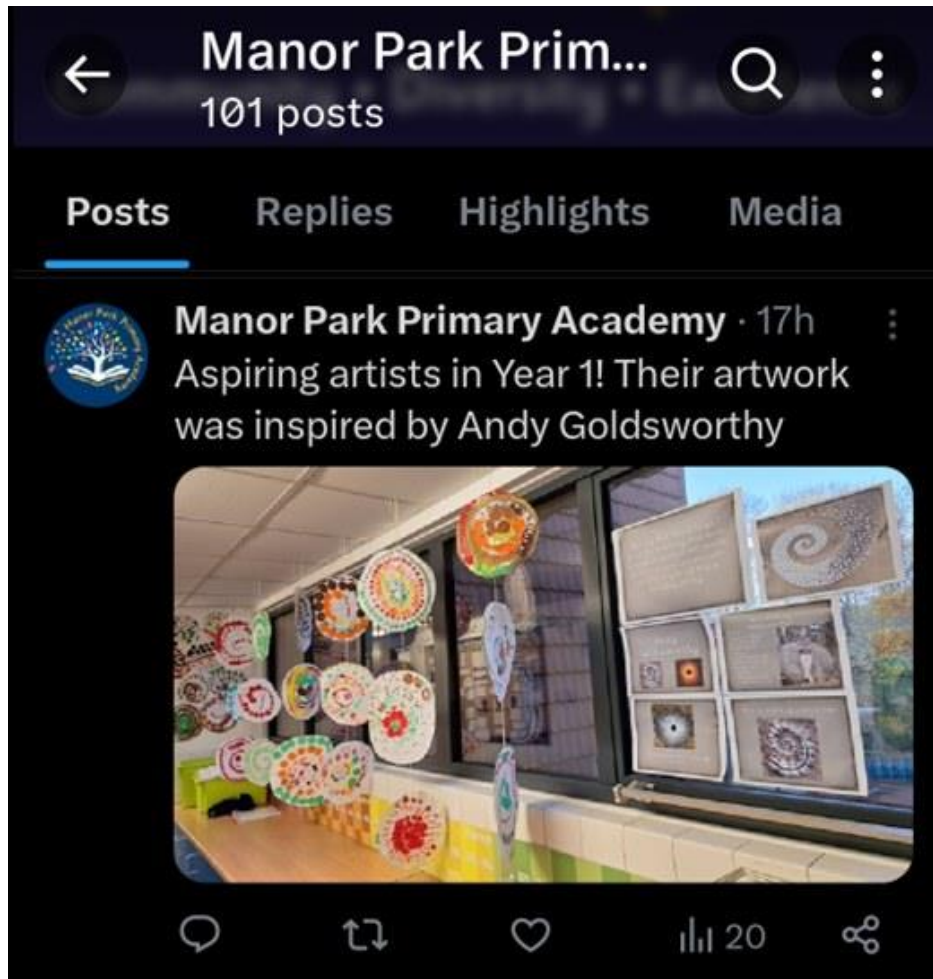
Ready for Children in Need with matching spots, yellow and Pudsey costumes!

[#childreninneed](#)



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*Thank you so much to those of you who have given us a follow!*

*Please head to @MPA\_Primary*

*or click*

*[https://twitter.com/MPA\\_Primary?t=0jffDwMic-nOEGXl2gPdIA&s=03](https://twitter.com/MPA_Primary?t=0jffDwMic-nOEGXl2gPdIA&s=03)*

*to find daily updates about the amazing things your children are doing at school!*

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## Dates for your Diary



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*Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park 6th December 2023*

*Christmas Nativity by Reception Tuesday 19th December 2023*

*Whole School Sing-along! Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th December 2023*

*Christmas Dinner Wednesday 20th December 2023*

*Christmas Parties Thursday 21st December 2023*

*End of Term Thursday 21st December 2023*

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**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to feel safe.**

**At Manor Park Primary  
Academy everyone  
has the right to learn.**