











Newsletter 26th January 2024

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

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

Our best attending classes this week are:

1st Bronze 97.8%

2nd Copper 97.7%

3rd Topaz 96.7%

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!



"THIS MORNING, HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

NHS



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Headteacher's Message



Dear Families,

Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who joined us for our 'Coffee and Chat' sessions this week. It was great to have the opportunity to gather parent voice around what is working really well and what we can do more of to improve further. Saima Asif from Birmingham Adult Education Services joined us to share courses that can be available for members of our school community and beyond. We are hoping to offer ESOL, Healthy Living and Preparing for Work workshops and courses so please look out for further information coming out soon!

Our School Council members were amazing ambassadors for our school on Wednesday when they visited Birmingham Council House with local Councillor Lee Marsham. They had the opportunity to ask questions in the main Council Chamber! Councillor Marsham said that they "were wonderful, really enjoyed listening to them" and he has agreed to write a letter to them, submit a petition on their behalf to the full council, and join a future school litter pick! If you would like to see photos of the visit, please head to our new Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/manorparkprimaryacademy/>.

Following parent and carer feedback, we will be using Instagram to share up-to-date news and events with the school community, instead of X (formerly known as Twitter).

We are also delighted to be launching 'Marvellous Me', an easy-to-use app which allows the teaching team to share messages and well-done badges for individual children and classes instantly with parents and carers. A letter with further information and instructions to join will be coming home with your child.

Next week, we have some exciting visitors in school to lead assemblies and workshops. Severn Trent are coming in to deliver a KS2 assembly and workshops for Year 4, and Team GB Powerchair Football athlete Brad Bates will join us to inspire a love of health and fitness in all children. You can find out more about Brad Bates at <https://sportsforchampions.com/athletes/brad-bates/>. The children will be taking part in sponsored fitness challenges on Tuesday and you can sponsor them! Either make a contribution at the crowdfunder page <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/manorparkprimary-1> or request a sponsorship form from the front office. Just £2 per child will help us to achieve our target.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards

Ms Chapman

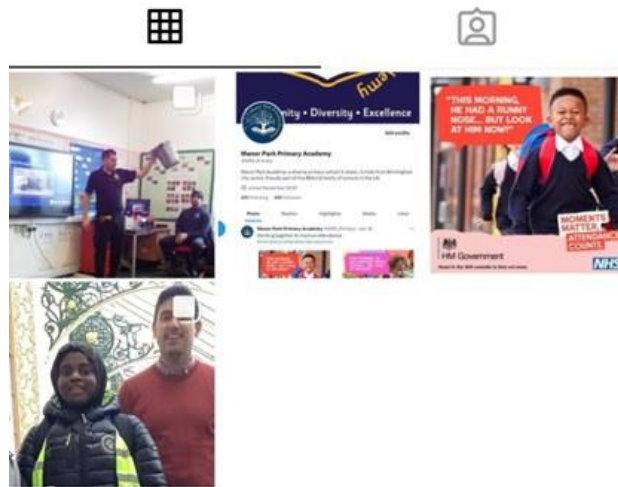
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School Uniform Policy and Expectations

Dear families,

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform and P.E Kit. Children who attend Manor Park must wear uniform as shown in our school uniform policy.

Please do not send your child to school wearing branded clothing or trainers. Both shoes and trainers must be black (no coloured stripes or logos). We want to ensure equality for our children and also avoid families feeling pressured to buy branded clothing/footwear.

We also want to ensure value for money when it comes to our uniform policy. Therefore, unlike other schools, it is not compulsory for uniform to have the school logo. You are welcome to purchase clothing with our school logo by clicking [here](#); [School Uniform – Manor Park Primary Academy](#) (manorparkacademy.co.uk) or, you can buy clothing from places like Asda or Tesco as long as they are our school colours.

Please see photo below as a reminder.

Thank you you for your co-operation,

Ms Lewis

Deputy Headteacher

All children at Manor Park need...



Manor Park Sweatshirt or Cardigan



White polo shirt



Grey trousers or skirt



Manor Park book bag or suitable school bag



Plain grey tights/socks or white socks



Plain black shoes



White Manor Park P.E t-shirt



Plain black P.E shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms



Plain black trainers or pumps

Dates for your Diary



Healthy Life Style Week - Week beginning Monday 29th January

NSPCC Numbers Day - Friday 2nd February (Non - Uniform Wear a number or shape!)

Stars of Manor Park



STAR OF THE WEEK!

These children were especially chosen because they have shown our school values this week

Nursery- AylaIndigo- Omaira

Violet-Ahiyan

Gold- Ohi

Copper- Hassan

Turquoise-Ruben

Aqua- Demy

Cerise- Riyad

Crimson-Ethan

Ochre- Ibrahim

Bronze- David

Ruby- Arman

Topaz- Fareed

Teal- Khadija

Emerald-Zayd

A big well done to you all!



WORK HARD AND COLLECT House Points

All children are put into 'Houses' for collective awards for great work. Children earn points for their house and the winners are announced each week in assembly!

House points collected this week!

1st Edwards 1350

2nd Aston 1290

3rd Lightwood 1280

Well done Edwards House!!

Child Benefit - Additional Financial Support



Families could be missing out on a minimum of £24 per week!

If a parent/carer is responsible for bringing up a child who is:

-
- under 16
 - under 20 and in approved education or training
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They could [*claim child benefit*](#) (click the link!)

There's no limit to how many children a parent/carer can claim for but only one person can get Child Benefit for a child.

e - Safety Update - MyLOL App Guidance

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on e-safety apps which we believe to be of particular concern. Please visit www.gov.uk/child-benefit for further guidance, facts and tips for adults.

MYLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than 6 million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sexual predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

AGE RESTRICTION 13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FILMSY AGE GATES
Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system in place to prevent a younger child - or an older adult - from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
MyLOL maintains that it removes all sponsored images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being posted on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING
MyLOL lets users "like" or other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the new "heart" like for or not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pic receives an unresponsive response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue at the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING
MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform - such as posting, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was £3.99 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION
According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting user privacy, the email point states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS
MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to contact with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING
It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL - particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasize that most people don't realise they're being "catfished" until it's too late - it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS
Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING
If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Moving their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS
If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilizing GPS or Wi-Fi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or "fence" and get to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

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Attendance Procedures and Autumn and Winter Illness



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 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



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

**At Manor Park Primary
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