











Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023

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:

Teal 96.3%

Topaz 96.3%

Turquoise 96.2%

Well done to those classes!

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week and to meet new members of our school community! The children enjoyed meeting up with friends - old and new - and their teachers are really impressed with how they have settled back into school life.

*Look out for **Curriculum Newsletters** coming out soon. These will share with you the learning that your child will be doing in school, across the curriculum. They will also include ideas for how you can support at home.*

To find out more about school life, visit our feed on X (formerly known as Twitter) https://twitter.com/mpa_primary?lang=en.

Parents and carers have asked about the possibility of reopening the steps and walkway which connects the lower KS1 playground to the upper KS2 playground. Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, the steps and walkway have been assessed to be unsafe. Our fantastic site team are investigating options for the future, but in the meantime, we do understand if a parent or carer needs longer to move between playgrounds at home time collection time. The safety of our whole school community is always a priority for us.

In the KS1 playground, we do not currently have markings to show adults where to stand when waiting to collect their child at busy home time collection times. This can lead to crowding around the area where the children gather at the end of the day.

Please can parents and carers wait at a distance on the darker coloured tarmac, so that the staff team can dismiss the children safely.

Year 3 children are dismissed at 3.20pm at this time of year.

This year, we are excited to be offering opportunities for parents and carers to come into school, such as workshops and Coffee Mornings. Please look out for further information about our first coffee morning later in this newsletter.

Year 6 will be swimming this half term, to embed the water safety skills and swimming strokes that they learnt in Year 5.

This year, PE will be on the following days:

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Monday

Year 5 - Tuesday

Have a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards,

Ms Chapman and Ms Lewis

Coffee Morning 15th September 2023!



We are delighted to be offering Coffee Mornings this academic year. Tea and other refreshments will also be available!

These are an opportunity for you to come into school and meet up with other parents and carers. During the Coffee Mornings, we will also be inviting visitors to offer support or answer any questions on a range of topics.

*The first Coffee Morning will be on **Friday 15th September 9:05-10:00 am** and will be an opportunity to meet members of the school's senior leadership team, including Natalie Brindley (SENDCo), Christine Chapman (Headteacher), and Jo Green (Behaviour, Attendance & Safeguarding Lead). We will be available to share our vision for Manor Park, to answer your questions and to listen to your suggestions and ideas!*

So that we can ensure there is enough seating and refreshments, please complete the Form using the link below if you can come along.

You can fill in the form in a few minutes on your mobile phone or on another device.

<https://forms.office.com/e/r86JG93dwF>

Please come to the school office by 9:05 am.

We look forward to meeting you!

Important Safeguarding Information about Live Streaming

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION 

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO 

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN 

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS 

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS 

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING 

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST 

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING 

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF 

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION 

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
16+ 18+
Age varies by platform

Head to 'X'



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Manor Park Academy: a diverse primary school in Aston, 3 miles from Birmingham city centre. Proudly part of the REAch2 family of schools in the UK.

🕒 Born 2 December 1982

📅 Joined November 2020

230 Following 80 Followers

Tweets

Replies

Media

Likes



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In Art Week, Year 1 have been learning about the artwork of Andy Goldsworthy. They explored arranging natural materials to create different effects. Great teamwork and fantastic creations! [#art](#) [#creativity](#)



*Our Twitter page is back up and running! **But it is now called 'X'***

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

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

Dates for your Diary



Coffee Morning Friday 15th September 2023

Reception Open Day 24th October 2023

Parents Evening Thursday 26th October 2023

Teacher Training Day 6th November 2023



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

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