THE DEAN TRUST
Abraham Moss Community School

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Newsletter - 26th April 2026

Headteacher Message:

Mrs Josette Arnold
Head of School

Dear parents/ carers

Welcome to the summer term! For those of you celebrating,

I hope you had a happy Baisakhi over the holiday period.

The GCSE examination period has now started and pupils so far have shown maturity in approaching their first examinations.

I was truly delighted to meet with 26 families yesterday during our first coffee morning.

Some very good suggestions were made and I look forward to our continued partnership. Access to homework platforms, communication with the school were some of the areas we discussed and we will be working on those suggestions to further improve our systems.

I wish you a restful weekend

Mrs J. Arnold

Foundation

STREET REDS

FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Street Reds offers free football sessions and alternative activities for young people aged 8-18 in a supportive and positive environment.

Your parent(s)/guardian(s) must register your interest before you can attend.

To register or for more information please visit:
www.mufoundation.org/streetreds

Or scan the QR code using your phone camera:

Street Reds:

We are delighted to announce that Manchester United Foundation will be launching our **FREE community football programme, Street Reds**, in Cheetham Hill at Abraham Moss Community School.

Launch Date: Thursday 7th May 2026

Location: Abraham Moss Community School (Astroturf)

Day: Thursdays

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Ages: 8–18 years (all abilities welcome)

What is Street Reds?

Street Reds is a **FREE football and youth engagement programme** designed for young people aged 8–18. It provides:

- Regular evening football sessions
- Coaching and playing opportunities
- A safe, structured environment for young people to socialise and develop

Programme Details

Street Reds is already delivered across Greater Manchester, with over 20 sessions running each week during school term time. Sessions are for boys and girls and all levels of ability.

Participants:

- Do **not** need to attend every week
- Can attend as and when they like
- Will experience football "The United Way", following the club's **Red Print** philosophy

How to Register

All participants must be pre-registered before attending.

Please complete the consent form using the link below and select **Cheetham Hill** as your venue:

https://external-forms.viewsapp.net/forms/v/a5f521de-cf16-456f-ba1a-7ec93c24315b

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code

Earth Day 2026:

Took place on Wednesday 22nd April 2026. Earth Day 2026 affirms that the capacity to address environmental challenges is firmly established. Progress is happening across communities through local leadership, pragmatic solutions, and cross-sector collaboration. Our Power, Our Planet is not a political statement. It is a commitment to stewardship, resilience, and shared accountability — a call for every individual, community, and sector to exercise their power in service of the planet we all depend on.

Year 9 and Year 10 Work Experience:

On Wednesday 29th April (all day) and Thursday 30th April (P1-4) Year 9's Y band will be taking part in an internal work experience pilot within school. They will be split into 4 groups and each group allocated an employer, the employer will be with them both mornings and work will be set for the first afternoon.

Next week for two weeks year 10 will start their work experience placwemnts.

Year 11 enrolling at college:

Hopefully you have now accepted multiple offers. If you have not please see Mrs Pickard.

Most of the colleges have a new students/introductory day in late June/early July. These are not compulsory but will help with settling in. You can also attend more than one if you are still choosing which college (providing they are not on the same day).

As you know GCSE results day is Thursday 20th August. I will be in school that day to support anyone who needs help, maybe they did not get the grades expected, changed their mind etc. So please come into school if you need help.

College enrollment begins that day too. For colleges like Manchester and Bury usually you book a slot, my advice is not to book a slot too late/close to September as those places will fill up and you may end up on a waiting list even if you have an offer. Some other colleges send you a date and time (usually Holy Cross, Loreto, Xaverian and others) which you must attend to get your place. If you are too late to enrol you will end up without a college place, sitting on a waiting list.

If you are on a waiting list for Loreto/Xaverian and do achieve higher grades, you should still enrol at another college on the date given as they will want you to wait until everyone has enrolled to see whether there are places available, if there are not at this stage the places will be gone at all other colleges too. These colleges will send you instructions over the summer of what to do

Manchester College - if you have applied to Manchester College you must log back into their 'Apply Portal' with the log in information that you completed. Here you can accept your offer and book an interview. If you do not, the application will expire and you will lose the offer.

To get your place there you must:

1. Accept the offer on their 'apply portal'.
2. Book the interview on their 'apply portal'
3. Attend the interview
4. Get the grades needed for the course you have an offer for
5. Enrol when asked to do so.

National Education Record App

During today's assembly, information was shared about the National Education Record App. This is a new service that the DfE are launching this year, which will allow pupils to securely access their education record and their results via a mobile app. Further information can be found here: https://issue-education-record.education.gov.uk/about/pupils-parents

Using the app is optional, but recommended. If pupils wish to use the National Education Record app, then they will need to download it onto their phones. The app can be found in the App stores by searching 'National Education Record' or by scanning the QR codes below. Over the next 2 weeks we will be visiting tutor groups to complete the verification steps and activate the app, we are only able to do this if the app has already been downloaded.

On results day, Thursday 20th August, school will be open for pupils to physically collect their results. Results day is an important milestone for pupils. We strongly recommend that pupils still come into school to collect physical copies of their results. Further details regarding the arrangements for results day will be shared nearer the time. Results will be posted on the app from 11am.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Wright
Assistant Headteacher

Department for Education

QR codes for the National Education Record App

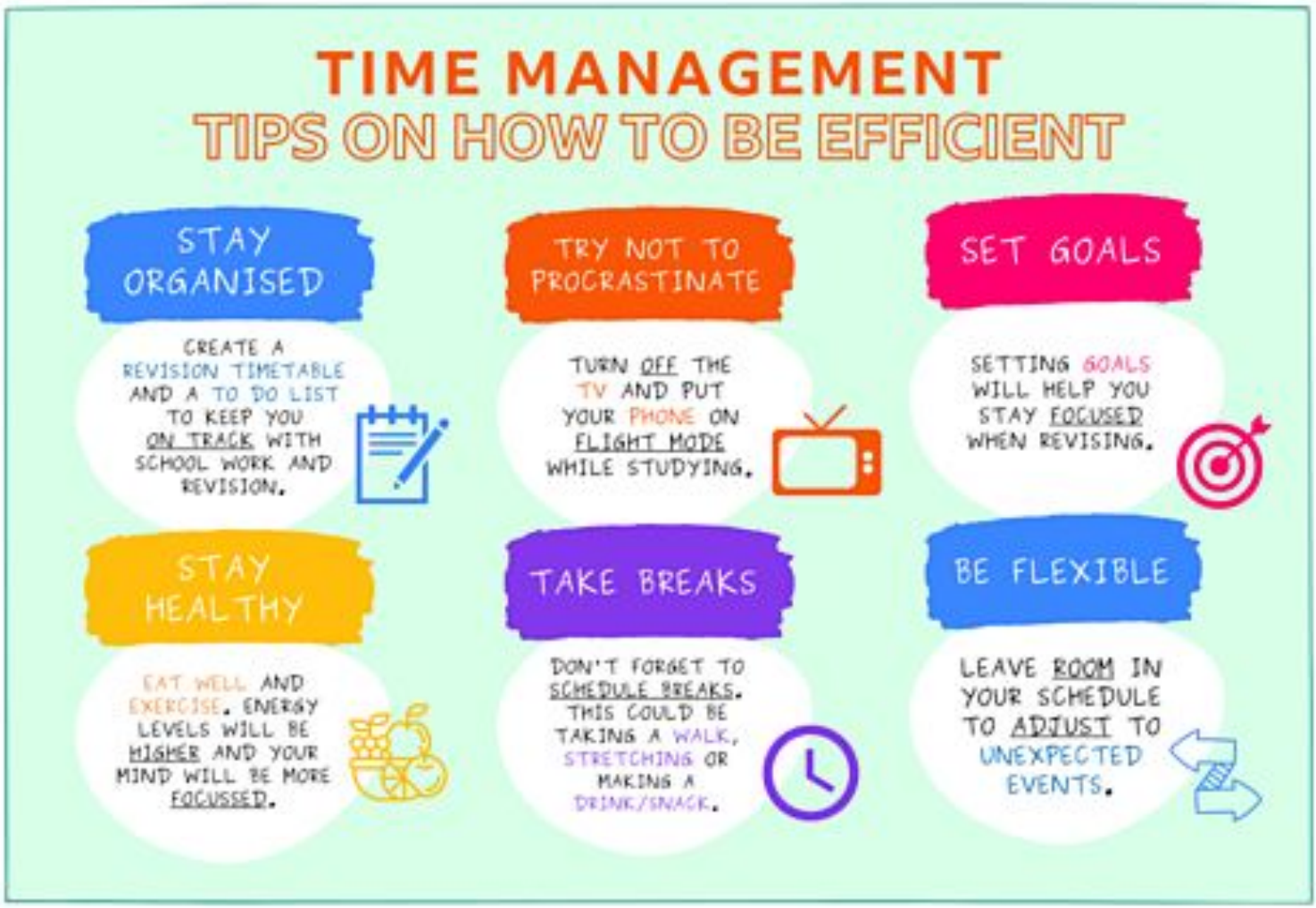
Google Play Store

Apple App Store

Intervention Sessions:

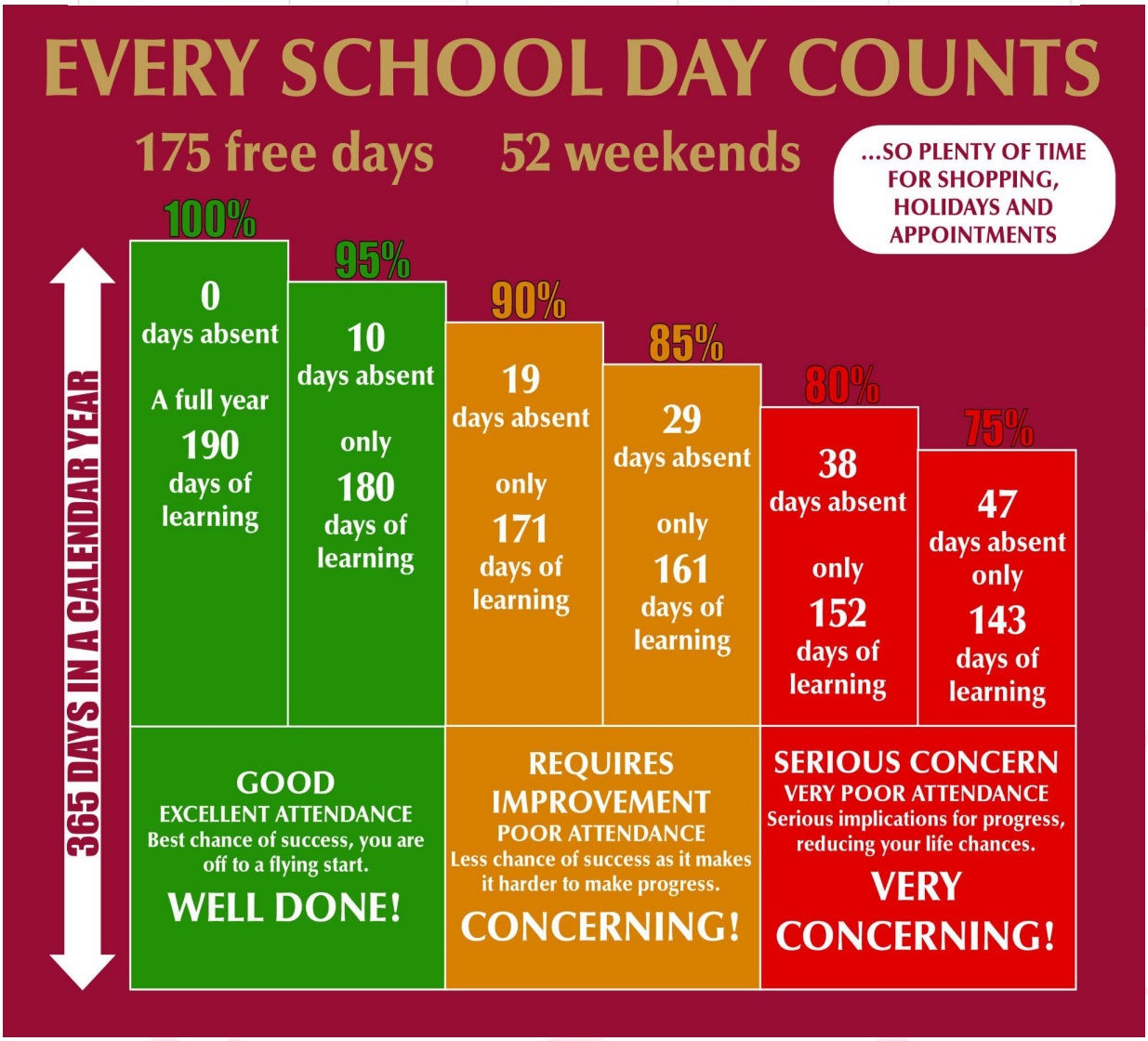
The following intervention sessions are being offered to year 11 pupils:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutor Time		English Maths	English	English Maths	English
Lunch	French Spanish German	Religious Studies	English	English French Science	
Afterschool		Maths Art PE	Science Art French Spanish	English Art Computer Science History Music	Maths



Attendance Target: 96%
Every pupil, Every Day, On time!

(23.03.26-27.03.26)			(30.03.26-03.04.26)	
Year Group	% Attend		Year Group	% Attend
Year 7	93%	↓	Year 7	90.4%
Year 8	94.9%	↓	Year 8	92.3%
Year 9	91.8%	↓	Year 9	91.3%
Year 10	93.1%	↓	Year 10	90.4%
Year 11	90.6%	↓	Year 11	89.6%
Total Secondary	92.7%	↓	Total Secondary	90.8%
Whole School (Sep to date)	92.8%	↓	Whole School (Sep to date)	92.7%



Attendance Rewards & Incentives

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In partnership with

BETTER *A charitable social enterprise*

We are awarding FREE Gym or Swim vouchers, to be used at Abraham Moss Leisure Centre!

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To be in with a chance to win…

BE IN SCHOOL, ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

*PLEASE NOTE DUE TO HEALTH AND SAFETY RESTRICTIONS, THESE VOUCHERS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO PUPILS IN Y9/10/11. ALTERNATIVE REWARDS ARE BEING PLANNED FOR Y7 AND Y8 PUPILS.

Dear Parent / Carer,

Working Together to Improve School Attendance and Leave of Absence in Term Time

The attendance guidance issued by the Department for Education in 2024 places responsibilities on schools, Local Authorities and parents. Manchester City Council would like to highlight the expectations on parents in relation to school attendance and encourage you to work in partnership with your child's school.

In the current academic year, in Manchester, approximately 50,000 school days have been missed through a holiday or a leave of absence taken in term time.

Following the changes the government made to the rules in 2024, it is important for parents and carers to understand how attendance statutory action, including penalty notices (or fines), work when children miss school without permission:

1) The fine is now £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid between days 22–28.
2) If a parent receives a second fine within three years, it will automatically be £160 (a lower rate of £80 will not be offered).
3) Importantly, a third offence within three years will lead to court action. This could result in:
• a criminal record
• an impact on your DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) barring you from some types of employment
• an impact on your visa status including a travel visa, working visa or student visa
• fines from the courts.
4) Fines are issued per parent, per child. You will find Manchester's Code of Conduct for the Issuing of Penalty Notices here.
4. Use of penalty notices | Introduction | Manchester City Council This is the local rules and regulations for statutory action and includes some important criteria:
• A Penalty Notice can be issued when a child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks. These do not need to be consecutive days.

• A penalty notice can be issued if a parent deliberately avoids the national threshold and takes a leave of absence over 4 consecutive days, for example in a week including a bank holiday or INSET day.

Information on your school procedures and who to contact regarding attendance will be available on the school website.

Please continue to work in partnership with your school to minimise unavoidable absences.

Yours sincerely

Edward Haygarth
Lead for Statutory Area Attendance & Exclusions
Directorate for Children and Families

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

JOB VACANCY

EXAM INVIGILATORS

We are currently advertising for Exam Invigilators for the school. You do not need to have any previous work experience and the role is perfect for those available between 8.30am and 3pm. Exam season runs from May to end of June.

APPLY NOW

Please go to https://thedeantrust.co.uk/vacancies where further details can be found.

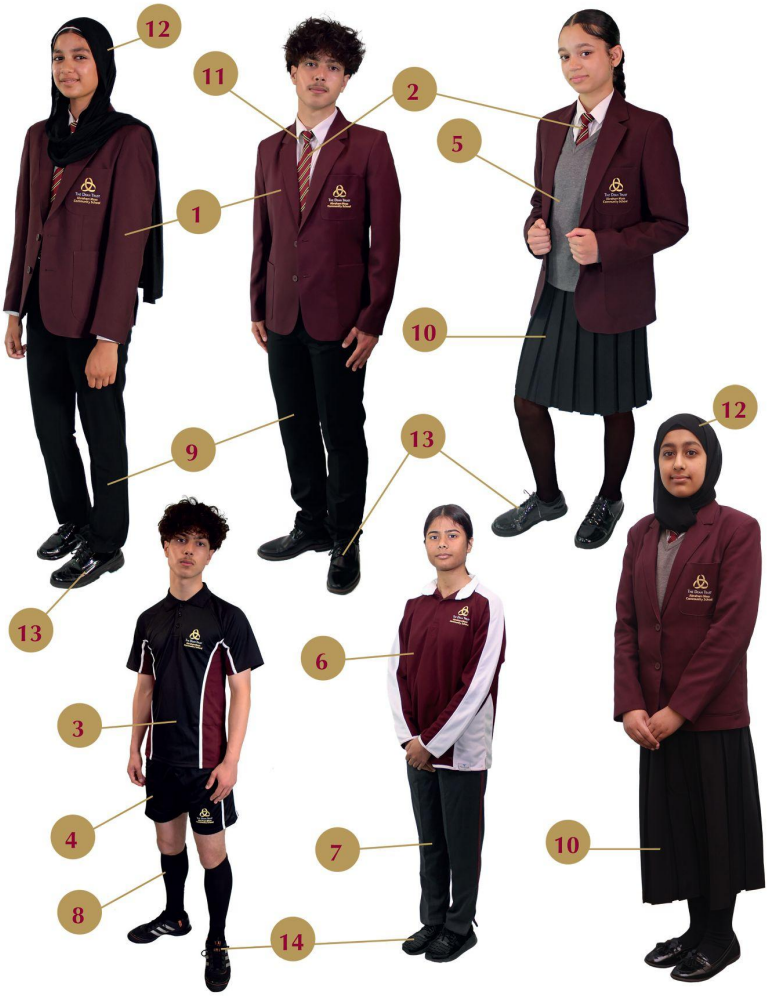
For further information, please contact the exams team at amcsexams@abrahammoss.co.uk

Secondary - Standards & Expectations

It has come to our attention that some of our pupils have started to wear long jersey skirts that are not part of our school uniform. Please can we remind you of our uniform expectations below and ask that you check your child has the appropriate uniform before leaving for school each day. If any items of uniform are missing, please inform the school should you require support.

Standards of Appearance

- Shirts should be tucked in;
- Skirts should be loose fitting and reach the knee or be the **longer box pleat version** available at Ziggy's;
- Jewellery is **not** permitted;
- Hair should be smart in appearance, of natural colour, with no extreme haircuts (head shave, tram lines, etc);
- No makeup, false tan, nail varnish, or **false nails/eyelashes**;
- A school tie should be worn at all times;
- Plain black shoes, no trainers;
- Blazers must be worn at all times apart from in extreme hot weather, this will be communicated at Headteacher's discretion.



Secondary	
1	Burgundy blazer with logo
2	Tie school colours clip-on
3	PE polo top with logo
4	PE shorts with logo
5	Grey jumper with logo
6	PE Rugby long sleeve top
7	PE Black/burgundy track pants
8	PE Black socks with logo
9	Tailored plain black trousers worn with black socks
10	Black box pleat knee/ankle length skirt worn with black tights
11	White button collar shirt
12	Plain black headscarf/hijab
13	Plain black shoes
14	PE - Trainers & football boots
School bag	
Required in school every day Pencil case with blue, black, green pens, pencils, eraser, ruler, sharpener and a selection of coloured pencils. Also a compass, protractor, scientific calculator and highlighter pens. A small dictionary. Not permitted are felt tip pens and Tippex	

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Equipment

All pupils must bring the following items to school.

Item	School Standard	Not allowed
Appropriate black school bag sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings	Appropriate black school bag sturdy and large enough to carry all belongings	Fashion bags 'man' bags/ cross body bags plastic bags carrying belongings in blazer pockets
Pencil case	**Basics:** Two BLACK ink pens One RED pen One PURPLE pen Two pencils Eraser Rigid ruler Glue Stick	Blue pen for written work Correction fluid Felt tip pens
Optional other equipment	Coloured pencils Scientific calculator Dictionary	

On the first day back tutors will check all pupils have the correct equipment for the Summer term.

Sanctions will be applied for failing to meet equipment standards.

THE DEAN TRUST WAY

Believe Achieve Succeed

READY TO LEARN

Step 1

- Walk to your lesson in an orderly and purposeful fashion.
- Engage politely with staff and pupils.
- Enter the classroom and sit in the correct seat.
- Take out your pencil case and planner.

Step 2

- Complete the 'Do Now' activity in silence.
- Respond to the register appropriately.

READY TO LISTEN

- The teacher stands at the front.
- The teacher counts down from 5 using hand signals.
- The teacher reminds you of expectations.
- Finish your work and/or any conversation.
- Put your pen down and face forward, ready to listen.

READY TO WORK

- Your planner and pencil case are on your desk.
- Make sure you understand instructions.
- Make sure you have the information you need, e.g. Knowledge Organiser, model answer, worked examples.
- Work in silence for the time given.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Check your work if you finish early, then let the teacher know.

READY TO SHARE

- Stand when visitors arrive.
- Explain what you are learning, why you are learning about this, and how you are learning it.

READY TO LEAVE

Step 1

- Remain seated and in silence.
- Pack away all of your equipment.
- Check the area around you for any rubbish and pick it up.

Step 2

- In silence stand up behind your chair.
- Check your uniform and equipment.
- Prepare to leave in silence, per the teacher's instructions.

Digital Safety Information

Managing Screen Time

Are you worried your child has too much screen time or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time?

Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you. This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child/

The next link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of having too much are:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/

This final link provides a guide on how to create a balanced digital diet:

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/

Digital Safety Information

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link:

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

https://families.google.com/familylink

Apple Family Sharing:

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

https://www.apple.com/uk/family sharing/

Digital Safety Information

Monitoring Apps (paid for):

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family
- Qustodio: https://www.qustodio.com/en/
- Family Time: https://familytime.io/

Smoothwall:

Helps parents create a safer space for learning, exploring and socialising.

Block inappropriate apps, games and websites - Parents can allow their child to view child-friendly sites and automatically block potentially harmful ones to prevent exposure to mature content, gambling, violence and other threats. **Monitor behaviours -** Parents can log in to the real-time dashboard from any device at any time to check their child's digital activity and adjust their settings. They can easily view their activity timeline, browsing history, YouTube views, screen time and more. **Get reports, alerts and SOS -** Parents receive detailed daily, weekly, and monthly reports of their child's online activity straight to their inbox. Real-time alerts mean they'll know as soon as they try to access blocked websites or are in trouble.

If you need any further information, please contact Kat Howard;
katherine.howard@smoothwall.com

Digital Safety Information

Useful Websites for Parents

https://www.internetmatters.org/

https://saferinternet.org.uk/

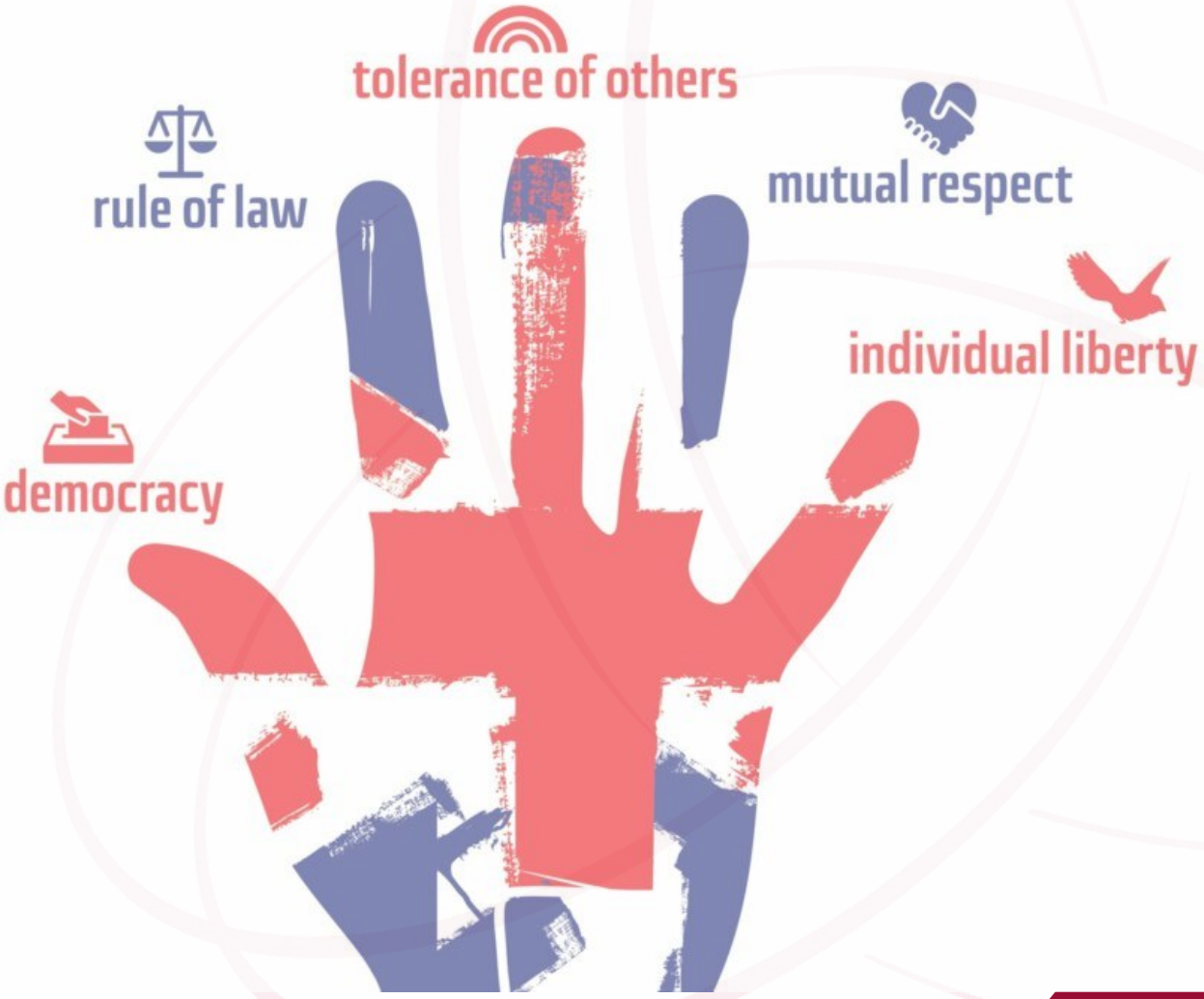
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.childline.org.uk/

https://www.educateagainsthate.com/

https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/

Respect and tolerance	Respect others. Embrace difference. Learn about and consider the cultures of other people. Accept the beliefs and faiths of others.
Rule of law	Commit to the school rules. Help others do the right thing. Be honest, truthful and loyal.
Individual liberty	Be responsible for your actions. Work hard to improve. Diligently pursue your goals. Challenge bullying, prejudice or bias with confidence.
Democracy	Respect all views. Debate in peace. Participate willingly. Express your views confidently.



Code of Conduct

Outstanding learners always show respect by:

- Being polite and courteous towards adults and pupils.
- Saying "please" and "thank you" where appropriate.
- Wearing the full school uniform.
- Respecting the school buildings, equipment and facilities.
- Respecting other people (staff, pupils and visitors) and their belongings.
- Moving quietly and sensibly around school.
- Arriving promptly for school and for each lesson.
- Having the correct equipment for each lesson (e.g. PE kit, 2 black ink pens, 1 red ink pen, 1 purple ink pen, 2 pencils, eraser, rigid ruler, glue stick, etc).

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Manchester Term Dates
2025- 2026

Autumn Term		No of days
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	39
Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025	35
Spring Term		
Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	30
Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2nd April 2026	28
Summer Term		
Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	24
Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026	34
	Total Days:	190

INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025
Friday 20th March 2026 (Eid)
Friday 26th June 2026
2 days from twilights

Bank Holidays

Thursday 25th December 2025
Friday 26th December 2025
Thursday 1st January 2026
Friday 3rd April 2026
Monday 6th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026
Monday 25th May 2026

OUR CORE BELIEFS

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