

21/22 Offer

Benefits of Membership

The Manchester Schools' Alliance (MSA) is a key part of Manchester's self-improving school system. The MSA is a not-for-profit company based on cooperative principles, creating a partnership led by schools to provide a distinctive Manchester voice for education. It provides a powerful presence for Manchester schools in all key decision-making affecting education in the City and supports schools in their drive to help Manchester children and young people to be the best they can be. Membership is open to all schools in the City. The MSA works with key partners in Manchester and in the region. The benefits of membership are summarised below.....

82%
of Manchester
schools and
colleges opted to
join the MSA in
20/21

Access to an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)

All staff within your school will receive FREE access to an EAP. This includes:

- a 24-hour telephone counselling and advice support service
- up to 6 structured telephone counselling sessions, per issue, for each employee and their partner, spouse and dependants (16-24 in FT education)
 - up to 6 face to face counselling sessions, per issue for each employee
- access to extensive wellbeing resources through the 'My Healthy Advantage' app

*To purchase access to this directly from Health Assured, it **would** cost schools approximately £15 per member of staff.*

Full Access to FFT Aspire Data

All schools receive access to the FFT Aspire dashboard. Benefits of the dashboard include:

- a more flexible approach to the generation of estimates, not just from end of key stage results but from other standardised end of key stage tests and assessments.
- access to the new 'Attendance Tracker'. FFT will automatically collect daily attendance figures from participating schools providing weekly 'live' reports of a school's attendance against a 'FFT national' figure.
- linking to your school's management information systems e.g. SIMs so that pupil information can be imported when they arrive at school
- providing a subject-by-subject look at future key stage performance up to five years ahead and setting challenging and realistic school targets without the need to import data
- a unique data overview for each pupil including benchmark estimates, past attainment and progress, absence, previous schools, PP status and more.

*To buy directly this directly from FFT it **would** cost a primary £100 + £1 per pupil and a secondary £575 + £1 per pupil.*

The format of future conferences, networks and meetings will reflect the current situation and may be delivered virtually until groups are able to meet safely again.

FREE places at Conferences and Events

The MSA is maintained and led by Manchester schools so aims to be responsive to current issues and relevant topics. Drawing on expertise from within the city, working with partners such as Oxford University Press and FFT and accessing keynote speakers from external organisations such as Ofsted, previous conferences and events for leaders have covered Remote Learning, Resilience, Curriculum, Working towards Excellence and Wellbeing.

FREE Governor Training

FREE places at governor events and development sessions throughout the school year. The MSA programme of events for governors aims to support Manchester governors in their role with the opportunity to share best practice and understand local priorities. Recent topics have included Emotionally Healthy Schools, Safeguarding, Complaints Handling, Ofsted and Vulnerable Pupils.

Primary Science Leads' Network

Working in partnership with the University of Manchester Science & Engineering in Education Innovation Hub (SEERIH), the MSA has set-up a Manchester Science Lead Network. The aim of this 2-year cycle of activity is to provide up to date information and guidance on the teaching and assessment of primary science. This includes offering consistent, quality assured professional development and offers teachers the opportunity to learn together, reflect on practice and build relationships. There is still the opportunity to join this network and as an MSA member, schools are able to join at a subsidised cost..

MSA Facilitated Groups

Members have access to the Primary Strategy Group and Special School Heads Group that meet half-terminally to work strategically towards steering education in Manchester. Members also have a voice at city-wide and national level through MSA representation on the Strategic Education Partnership Board, chaired by the LA Executive Member for schools. The MSA leads on a new headteacher buddy system, matching up new heads with existing heads in the city to provide informal support and advice. The MSA also supports the activities of the Manchester Secondary Collaborative.

All of this for only £1.30 per pupil! (excl. nursery children/ 120 pupil minimum)

To purchase FFT and the EAP directly, it would cost an average **300 pupil** primary school **£1105** compared to just **£390** to join the MSA. An average **600 pupil** primary school, **£1950** for just FFT/EAP yet only **£780** to join the MSA. An average **1000 pupil** secondary school would pay **£3825** for just access to FFT and the EAP but will receive full access and all of the other benefits of the MSA for just **£1300!**

For further information, contact Lisa Jones at MCRSchoolsAlliance@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk or call 07483 105273. To become a member, simply complete the attached registration form and return to Lisa at the email address above.