

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.

Benefits of membership include the following (click on each heading for further details)

- **Full Access to FFT Aspire**

Access a range of dashboards and reports to support your school including target setting & tracking progress, attendance tracking, self-evaluation, intervention & support, benchmarking and assessment.

- **Access to an Employee Assistance Programme**

All staff receive access to a 24-hour telephone counselling and advice support service, telephone, face to face or online counselling sessions and access to extensive wellbeing resources through the 'My Healthy Advantage' app.

- **FREE Training, Briefings & Events**

The MSA will respond to priorities and need identified in the city throughout the year. Previous topics have included handling parental complaints, headteacher wellbeing, safeguarding and working towards excellence.

- ***NEW* Subject Lead Annual Events**

New for 23/24, the aim of these half-day events, is to provide subject leads with an overview of the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective subject lead and provide the time and opportunity to meet and connect with other colleagues from across the city. Subjects planned for the autumn term are art, history and geography.

- **Primary Heads Residential**

After the success of the first MSA Primary Heads Residential last year, this will now be an annual event. For more information about the 2023 conference, click [here](#). Members receive heavily subsidised places at this conference.

- **Primary Science Lead Network**

Working in partnership with the University of Manchester Science & Engineering in Education Innovation Hub, the MSA has set-up a Manchester Science Lead Network. Subsidised by MSA, this costs just £50 per year to join.

- **FREE Governor Training**

The MSA programme of events for governors aims to support Manchester governors in their role.

- **Headteacher Support**

This year, the MSA headteacher 'buddy' system will be offered to all heads that would like to be matched up with an informal 'buddy.' The new headteacher meet will also take place in autumn term for all MSA member schools.

- **MSA Facilitated Groups**

Access to the Primary Strategy Group, MSA facilitated District Groups, Safeguarding Strategy Group and Strategic Education Partnership Board. Support for the Manchester Secondary Collaborative.

Only £1.65 per pupil (excl. nursery, min. 130 pupil number)

To purchase FFT and the Employee Assistance Programme directly, it would cost an average 300 pupil primary £1505 compared to just £495 to join the MSA. An average 600 pupil primary, £2900 for just FFT/EAP yet only £990 to join the MSA. An average 1000 pupil secondary would pay £4010 for just access to FFT and the EAP but will receive full access and all of the other benefits of the MSA for just £1650!

For further information, please visit www.manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk or email MCRSchoolsAlliance@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk.

To become a member, simply complete the attached registration form and return to the email address above.