

# 2019/20 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.....

**84%**  
of Manchester schools and colleges opted to join the MSA in 18/19

### Full access to FFT Aspire data

All schools receive full access to their FFT Aspire dashboard as part of MSA membership. The benefits of the dashboard include:

\*NEW\* linking to your school's management information systems e.g. SIMs so that pupil information can be exported when they arrive at school \*NEW\*

- providing a subject-by-subject look at future KS1, KS2, KS4 and KS5 performance up to five years ahead and sets challenging and realistic school targets without the need to import data
  - enabling you to evaluate progress and analyse gaps for disadvantaged pupils.
  - providing a succinct summary of attainment and progress for governors, QA & Ofsted
- a unique data overview for each pupil including benchmark estimates, past attainment and progress, absence, previous schools, PP status and more
  - presenting progress data from EYFS to KS1 and KS1 to KS2

**COMING SOON**— A pupil tracking feature allowing you to input interim pupil assessments and monitor progress. Estimate > benchmark > target set > track progress. All in a single system!

### Full 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 support service
- up to 6 structured telephone counselling sessions, per issue, for each employee and their partner, spouse and dependants
- up to 6 face to face counselling sessions, per issue for each employee including CBT
  - access to extensive wellbeing resources through an online health portal

## FREE places at (at least) 3 leadership conferences

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 have covered Reading, Resilience, Assessment, Writing, Working towards Excellence and Working Together.

## FREE governor events

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 FFT/ data, finance, pupil premium and working towards excellent governance.

## Primary Science Leader Networks

Last year, working in partnership with the University of Manchester Science & Engineering in Education Innovation Hub (SEERIH), MSA set-up a Manchester Science Leader 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 for this year and as an MSA member, schools are able to join at a subsidised cost.

## MSA facilitated strategy groups

Members have access to the Primary Strategy Group, a group of 25 primary headteachers from across city districts that meet monthly to work strategically towards steering primary 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 Council Leader, Sir Richard Leese. MSA will also support the set-up of networks where schools identify there is a gap in the city. For example we have supported the set-up of a Literacy network and a Primary EAL network.

## All for only £1.05 per pupil!

MSA members receive all this for just £1.05 per pupil (excl. nursery ) or £950 whichever is lowest)

To purchase FFT on its own, it would cost a **240 pupil** primary school **£330** compared to just **£252** to join the MSA. It would cost a **420 pupil** primary school **£507** for just FFT yet only **£ 441** to join the MSA. A **1000 pupil** secondary school would pay **£1530** for FFT alone but will receive full access and all of the other benefits of the MSA for just **£950**.

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