

#### Updates



- Please ensure that you are arriving to school on time as late marks do affect attendance. We are aiming for at least 96% - ideally 100% for school attendance.
- As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child brings an appropriate coat and shoes to school
- If anyone has any uniform that is now too small, we would love to add them to our rail for others to use – the rail has been very successful so far! Please bring any spare uniform to the office.
- See the attached flyers for information on Salford's Neurodiversity Network and some parent advice to keep your child safe online.

#### Message from Mrs. Woolley



Dear families,

I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing staff for reacting so calmly and professionally on Thursday to ensure the safety of our Brentnall children. Children were blissfully unaware of anything beyond the school gate and learning continued as usual. What a team! Thank you to our families for all your support in allowing us to follow our safety protocols effectively. As assembly was cancelled today, we will move it to next Friday instead so that parents can still see their child get their awards.

This week, Mr. Ellison-Lee, who is the Primary Director for Education at United Learning, came to see our learning and he was very impressed. He loved the learning that was happening in each class and commended our fantastic teachers!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

**Mrs. Woolley** 😊

#### Important Dates & Upcoming Events

##### October

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 London Trip

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 4/6 Basketball tournament

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Celebration Assembly

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Book fair in school all week

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parents' Evening

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – School Photographs

#### Attendance

Well done to Year 3 class for winning the attendance trophy! **Our target is at least 96%.**



Class	% Attendance
Nursery	94.71%
Reception	91.25%
Year 1	97.65%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	90.38%
Year 6	92.59%
The Ark	74.29%
Whole School	93%

#### Star of the Week & Star Writers

Certificates will be awarded in our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9am**. We hope you can come along to join us celebrate.

Class	Star of the Week	Star Writer
Nursery	Aziel (this is awarded in class)	
Reception	Noah	Ordin
Year 1	Afifah	Zakir
Year 2	Darla	Royalty
Year 3	Aarushi	Izack
Year 4	Hussain	Mojtaba
Year 5	Kadi-Mae	Jasmine
Year 6	Jane	Jamie-Leigh
The Ark	Marcus	Thomas

Drop in!

# Salford's Neurodiversity Network

A space for you to come and talk to services, meet other parents and families, learn about strategies and ask questions linked to your child's neurodevelopmental needs.



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Drop in between 10:30am and 1:30pm**

**North Family Hub, Swinton Gateway,  
100 Chorley Rd, Swinton M27 6BP**

## What's on this month?

- A talk with the Salford Speech & Language Therapy Service - 11am start
- Come and talk to Salford services: SIASS (Salford Information, Advice & Support Service), Parent Carer Forum, Early Help and others!
- Meet other parents/families and have a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
- Bring in toys you don't use that are in good condition for a "toy trade" and swap it with a different one
- Opportunity to win prize vouchers!



## Who is the Neurodiversity Network for?

The Neurodiversity Network sessions are for parents / carers of a neurodivergent child. Your child does not require a diagnosis for you to attend.

## Why come along?

- A first point of contact to support your child's neurodevelopmental needs
- Get advice tailored to your child and family's needs
- Connect with others and build your support network
- Discover local services and resources



**Sessions will be held across Salford each month – follow us for updates:**



@salfordneurodiversity



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Contact us for more information: [adminneurodevelopment@salford.gov.uk](mailto:adminneurodevelopment@salford.gov.uk)

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌸 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👤 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojiopedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧋 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😏 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'sipping'
- 😎 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😐 (Maa) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🌸 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojiopedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.

