

Information for parents/carers about punctuality

Punctuality is a good thing! It is important to arrive at school on time!

Being on time and punctual:

- gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind;
- sets positive patterns for the future;
- helps your child make the most of his/her learning;
- helps children to develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others;
- helps your child make and keep friends;
- leads to success and self-confidence.



Lateness is a bad thing!

Being late:

- gets the day off to a bad start, can put everyone in a bad mood and can be stressful;
- can be embarrassing;
- is noticed by others who might make negative comments;
- may damage your child's confidence;
- may lead to children feeling confused. They will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day;
- disrupts the learning for everyone;
- means children can fall behind in their learning;
- can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future;
- can lead to poor attendance - if a child is late for school they can start to stay away from school.

Types of lateness

- Late before the register closes - when your child is a few minutes late
- Late after the register closes - counts as an unauthorised absence.

Persistent lateness can lead to a referral to the Family Support Worker and ultimately Fixed Penalty Notices being issued.