

PUNCTUALITY

Being late for school makes it hard for your child to learn:

- ☹ 5 minutes late each day = 3 school days learning lost each year
- ☹ 30 minutes late each day = half a day of school learning lost each week



If your child arrives late for class:

- ☹ They miss out on important learning which could affect their achievement
- ☹ They miss out on the social time when settling into class
- ☹ They can find it embarrassing
- ☹ They can cause disruption to the rest of the class

If your child arrives after the school register is closed ALL THE ABOVE IS TRUE, and in addition:

- ☹ The lateness is classed as an unauthorised absence
- ☹ Several unauthorised absence marks may result in legal action being taken against you

What you can do:



- ☺ Find out what time school starts and how long it takes to get there. If the weather is bad, or there are road works, leave slightly earlier.
- ☺ If you struggle to get your child to school on time each day, ask a responsible adult who you trust and can rely upon to take your child to school.
- ☺ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ☺ Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- ☺ Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep. Primary school children need an average of 10-12 hours of sleep each night.
- ☺ Give your child a healthy drink and breakfast – toast, fruit or cereal.
- ☺ Get your child to school on time and give them a good start to the day.