

Why is Punctuality so important? Punctuality is a life skill.

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality at school will help your child throughout their education and into adult life and the work place.

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost over a year

10 minutes late each day=6.5 days lost over a year

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost over a year

20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost over a year

30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost over a year

Why is lateness such a bad thing? Every minute of every day counts.

Persistent lateness, after the register closes, can result in prosecution under Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act

Being Late:

- Gets your child's day off to a bad start
- Can be embarrassing for your child
- Will be noticed by other children who may make negative comments
- May lead to your child losing confidence
- Disrupts the lesson for everyone
- Can cause your child to fall behind with their work
- Creates a bad habit that can be hard to break

Why is punctuality such a good thing?

Being on time for school:

- Helps your child make and keep friends
- Helps get your child's day off to a good start and puts your child in a positive frame of mind
- Sets your child up for the future - whether it's college, university or work. They could lose their place or lose their job if they think it is ok to be late.
- Helps your child understand that school is important and education is valuable
- Helps your child develop a sense of responsibility for him/herself and towards others
- Is linked to good attendance - good attendees have more opportunities and therefore achieve more
- Leads to success and self confidence

Top Tips for Improving Punctuality

- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle out of bed in the morning
- Get to know your child's timetable -plan together to make sure they have everything ready the night before; eg uniform, books, cooking ingredients, PE/swimming kit
- Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening-not the morning it's due in
- Invest in a good, reliable alarm clock-make setting it part of your child's bedtime routine
- To ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day.
- Have a backup plan for getting your child to school in case something unforeseen happens-friends or family, perhaps neighbours who are taking their children to school anyway
- Allow lots of time for your journey

If you are having problems getting your child to school on time:

- Talk to your child
- Contact school and ask for Mrs. McMurray. She is the school Learning Mentor and Attendance Officer and will be only too pleased to help with any difficulties your child may be experiencing.

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