

Top Tips for Improving Punctuality

Why is punctuality so important?

It's a GREAT START to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.

Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

ALSO...

It helps your child make friends in the playground and in school which leads to improved self-confidence and therefore **SUCCESS**

AND...

It sets your child up for their future—whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or their job if they think it's OK to be late!

Types of Lateness

1. **Late before register closes:** Your child is a few minutes late, but they have missed the opportunity to say hello and socialise with their friends. They will be late in starting their morning lesson and are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed.
2. **Late after register closes:** This counts as an **unauthorised** absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Not only has your child missed the chance to meet with their friends before school, they are likely to have missed a significant amount of their morning lesson and could feel unsettled, embarrassed and much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.

Tips for Parents!



- Get to know your child's school timetable - work together to make sure they have everything ready the night before e.g. books, PE or swimming kit, uniform!
- Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening - instead of in the morning at the breakfast table.
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine, so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle to get out of bed in the morning - not a bad idea for parents either!
- Invest in a good, reliable alarm clock - make setting it part of your child's bedtime routine.
- Try to ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day—we have a great breakfast club you could use if you need to be at work early.
- Have a backup plan for getting your child to school in case something crops up – friends or family, perhaps neighbours who are taking their children to school anyway.
- Allow lots of time for your journey.
- If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, talk to a teacher or ask to speak to a member of the pastoral team for help!

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Ready for School List

Task	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wake up with no dilly dally					
Make Bed					
Wash face					
Get Dressed					
Eat Breakfast/ Clear Table					
Brush teeth Brush/comb hair					
Gather School Items					
Gather Lunch or lunch money					
Put on shoes, coat, others					
Hug/Kiss Loved ones goodbye					