

# PUNCTUALITY



**GIVE YOUR CHILD  
THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES,  
THE BEST START  
GET THEM TO SCHOOL - ON TIME - EVERY DAY!**



**EVERY SECOND COUNTS!**

**Well...**

**...Ok, that's quite 'alarmist' (get it!) but it's  
VERY IMPORTANT your child is on time for school**



Questions or queries?  
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or ask for a Request for Information Form  
at the school office

## WHY IS PUNCTUALITY SO IMPORTANT?

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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) 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 lose 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 to and play with friends. They are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed as they start morning lessons.

#### 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 the start of lessons and could feel unsettled, embarrassed and much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.

## BORDER BUSTERS TOP TIPS

- Get to know your child's school timetable - work together to make sure they have everything ready the night before e.g. books, cooking ingredients, 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 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 - many schools have breakfast clubs you could use if you need to be at work early

- Have a back up 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 and ask for help

