

**DON'T BE LATE !!**

# Punctuality Matters!



## If you are late:

- It gets your child's day off to a bad start.
- Leads to missed learning which affects your child's progress and results.
- Disrupts the learning of all other children.
- Causes embarrassment and anxiety for the child walking into a class alone.
- Any one-to-one teaching your child gets, takes place first thing in the morning. Being late means they may miss this.
- The habit of good punctuality at school will help your child throughout their education, into adult life and the work place.
- Persistent lateness, after the register closes, can result in the issuing of a fixed Penalty Notice (Fine).

## Firs Estate Expectations

- We expect your child to arrive at school on time every day. Below are details of our school times:
- School gates open at 8:45am. Children can go straight to their class.
- Bell rings at 8:55am. Gates are locked and School starts.
- If your child arrives after 8:55am you must bring them to the school reception and sign them in using the electronic signing in system which will record your arrival time and reason for arriving late. Your child will get a late mark.
- If your child arrives after 9:20am they will get an unauthorised absence for the morning session.
- All late arrivals will be monitored by our Education Welfare Officer.
- If you know your child is going to be late or absent for any reason please call the school office on 01332 346230.

**GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS**

# Every Minute in School Counts



He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a <u>Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

## How can I help?

- Here are a few tips to help get your child to school on time:
- Come to our free breakfast club. Entry to school is between 8:20am & 8:30am.
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine to ensure they get plenty of rest so they don't struggle to get out of bed in the morning.
- Invest in a good, reliable alarm clock – make setting it part of your bedtime routine.
- Make sure that your child has everything ready the night before: uniform, reading book, homework, PE kit, swimming kit, musical instrument etc.
- Allow plenty of time for your journey.
- Check the weather forecast the night before and prepare accordingly. Please allow extra time to get to school if it is wet.
- Avoid putting on the TV!
- Keep calm! If **you** get stressed, so will your child.