

If you have a problem getting your child to school on time:

- Talk to your child
- Talk to the school
- Ask for help

Things that may help:

- Make sure you have everything ready the night before e.g. P.E. kit, books, school uniform etc
- Make sure you allow plenty of time for you and/or your child to travel to school
- Make alternative arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if there is a difficulty in getting your child to school on time
- Establish a good bedtime routine
- Set your alarm clock 10-15 minutes earlier

The school's Education Welfare Officer is Mrs Margaret Jones. Mrs Jones visits the school regularly to identify any attendance issues. She will provide support to parents, children and the school.

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School Attendance & Punctuality



Success Starts by Being in School

Information
for
Parents and
Carers

Why your child needs to be in school on time at 8:55am



Does it matter if I'm late? They aren't doing anything much!

Yes! It does matter because:

- Important learning happens at the beginning of the school day
- It can upset the children when they're late
- It can be embarrassing for your child
- It can disrupt a lesson that has already started
- Your child can miss out on ordering lunch
- It makes a child stand out
- They miss meeting and greeting their friends
- It sets a poor example for later life
- It may affect your child's attendance percentage

N.B. If children are late for school their PARENT must come into school to sign the LATE BOOK

Authorised Absence

- Your child will be marked absent if he/she is away from school.
- If there is a valid reason for the absence and the school is notified then the child is given an authorised absence mark.
- Please ring us before 9:30am if your child won't be in.
- **Tel: 01686 670 208**

Interesting Facts:

- ❖ There are 190 school days in a year.
- ❖ This leaves 175 days for treats, shopping, holidays and days at home.
- ❖ Parents have a **LEGAL DUTY** to ensure that their children are properly educated. For most children this means regular attendance at a local school.
- ❖ Children who regularly **ARRIVE LATE** and miss registration are **NOT** attending school regularly.

If a child has a consistent attendance level of 90% during his/her schooling, he/she will have lost a **whole year of education** before he/she starts their GCSE years!

What is and what is not a valid reason for absence?

Acceptable reasons for absence:

- ✓ Your child is too ill to come to school
- ✓ Your child has a medical appointment

Unacceptable reasons for absence:

- Your child is on holiday.
- Shopping for clothing or shoes
- Medical appointments for other family members
- Illness of other family members
- Waiting for home deliveries
- Waiting at home for the Gas or Electricity person to call
- Birthday treats

Types of lateness

- Late before the register closes – when your child is a few minutes late
- Late after the register closes – this counts as an unauthorized absence

Every week the classes with the best attendance in Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 are announced in Assembly