

Punctuality is a life skill which helps us through the rest of our lives – school, work, medical appointments or even transport arrangements.



Lateness! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

If your child is regularly late for school, it not only disrupts their own learning but that of their friends, class mates and makes your child feel at a disadvantage.

Imagine walking into a group or meeting which has already started. You feel uncomfortable, self conscious and less likely to interact immediately. Experts have suggested continued lateness can culminate in behavioral problems later in life.

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

School is required by law to set a time when they close the register. This is 30 minutes after the start of school. If a pupil arrives after this time, the session is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If a child is frequently late, the *parents may be failing to ensure their child is receiving appropriate education. They could be prosecuted by the Local Authority for failure to ensure regular attendance.

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*definition of parent as defined by section 576 Education Act 1996

