

Punctuality

Being late for school makes it hard for your child to learn:

- ⊖ 5 minutes late each day = 3 school days learning lost each year.
- ⊖ 30 minutes late each day = half a day of school learning lost **each week**.



If your child arrives late for class:

- ⊖ They miss out on important learning which could affect their achievement.
- ⊖ They miss out on the social time when settling into class.
- ⊖ They can find it embarrassing.
- ⊖ They can cause disruption to the rest of the class.

If your child arrives after the school register is closed (9.25am) ALL THE ABOVE IS TRUE, and in addition:

- ⊖ The lateness is classed as an unauthorised absence.
- ⊖ Several unauthorised absence marks may result in legal action being taken against you.

What can you do:

- ☺ Find out what time school starts and how long it takes to get there. If the weather is wet, or there are road works, leave slightly earlier.
- ☺ If you struggle to get your child to school on time each day, ask a responsible adult who you trust and can rely upon to take your child to school.
- ☺ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ☺ Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- ☺ Set a reasonable bed time to make sure your child gets enough sleep. Primary school children need an average of 10-12 hours of sleep each night.
- ☺ Give your child a healthy drink and breakfast – toast, fruit or cereal.
- ☺ Get your child to school on time and given them a good start to the day.



If lateness is a problem and you would like some advice, please contact our Inclusion Officer, Sue Jones by email: sue.jones@surreycc.gov.uk