

## Are you having problems getting your child to school for any of these reasons?

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform, books, school bag...
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Haven't done their homework
- Watching TV
- Are worried about a test or presentation to do
- Are worried about having homework to hand in
- It's their birthday.

### If so, a set routine can help:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively.

Please feel free to speak to your child's teacher if you feel you need some help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality.

The teachers meet with parents/carers of any child whose attendance is causing reason for concern or has been persistently late.



*'Being different, Belonging together'*

# Absence and Lateness

# The Facts!

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## **Why is regular attendance at school important?**

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every day.

They learn better. They make friends.

They are happier. They have a brighter future.

## **Missing school means missing out!**

## **Schools are expected to have an over all attendance of 96% or above.**

### **Legal responsibilities**

Parents/carers of children of legal school age must make sure they receive a full time education. They must ensure their child attends school regularly and stays there all day.

### **Law**

Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 is the law under which a parent/carer can be prosecuted.

### **The Consequences**

Parents/carers can be taken to court for breaking the law.

Our governors have taken the decision not to fine for absence.

## **Attendance affects achievement.**

Did you know? Research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Research published by the Department of Education (DfE) suggest that children with poor attendance are more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school.

It argues that there is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement, highlighting that only 3% of pupils who miss more than 50% of school manage to achieve 5 or more A\*-C GCSEs, including English and Maths, compared with 73% of pupils who have more than 95% attendance.

### **Is 80% good?**

An 80% mark in an exam may be good but 80% attendance through 4 years of school equal a full school year lost.

## **Lateness has a negative impact**

### **Being late can:**

- Disrupt lessons
- Affect achievement
- Embarrass/upset your child

### **Being late adds up to loss of learning:**

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year
- 10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year
- 15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year
- 20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year
- 30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year

## **Being on time means not missing out!**