

Child Friendly Attendance Policy



Why do we come to school?

- To learn so that we can be successful when we are older
- To spend time with friends and learn to socialise
- To build a better future
- Because it's our right to an education

Why is it important to come to school as much as possible?

- To get the most out of learning and so we don't fall behind
- To make sure that we don't miss out on things
- So that when we are older we can get a good job
- So we don't get bored- being at school is fun!
- So we don't get anxious when we miss out on our learning

Why is it important to arrive at school on time/be punctual?

- If we're late, we miss out on some of our learning.
- If we miss the start of a lesson, it makes us worried and we don't know what to do.
- So that we have good attendance- we don't like to be late.
- So we don't fall behind our peers.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

The infographic features a pink alarm clock on the left with a yellow starburst bubble containing the text 'WAKE UP!' next to it. The background is a bright yellow with a halftone dot pattern.

SCHOOL GATES OPEN AT 8.40 AND SCHOOL STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8.50am

What can we do to make sure that we arrive at school on time?

- Get dressed for school independently and remember to brush our teeth.
- Help with things like making breakfast and making our packed lunch.
- We can get our bag and school things ready on our own.
- Learn to tell the time so that we know if we are going to be late.
- Go to bed at a reasonable time, so that we can get up on time.

What can our parents do to make sure that we arrive at school on time?

- Wake us up or set us an alarm so that we don't oversleep.
- Make sure we leave in plenty of time to get to school- especially if there are things like roadworks!
- Help us to get our belongings together, so that we can learn to do this on our own.

What should you do if you don't/can't come to school?

- Make sure that someone at home lets school know that we won't be in – the teachers need to know that we are safe.
- If we are well enough, we may want to do some online learning at home. There are lots of great sites out there that we already know about- TTRS is one of our favourites!
- Tell the truth if we're going on holiday, because it makes us nervous if we have to pretend we were ill.
- If we feel up to it, we could do lots of reading!