

Tackling Attendance

Be a Letchmore Attendance H.E.R.O.!



H- Here
E- Everyday
R- Ready
O- On Time!



The effects of late arrival to class

- Our school day begins at 8.30am
- Classroom doors and the playground gate will be closed promptly at 8.40am so that the teacher on door duty can return to their class.

Why is punctuality so important?

Attendance statistics-

- **100% - 96% = Excellent attendance**
- **95% - 90% = Cause for Concern**
- **89% and below = This will have a drastic effect on academic achievement**

Arriving 5 minutes late each day:

- 5 days a week = 25 minutes lost learning time a week
- 39 weeks a year = 16 hours and 15 minutes lost learning time a year
- 3 years (Reception-Year 2) in our school = 48 hours 45 minutes learning time lost OR 1½ school weeks

Why is punctuality a GOOD thing?

Being on time:

- Gets your child's day off to a good start so he/she can settle straight into school day
- Sets positive patterns for the future
- Leads to good attendance
- Leads to better achievement
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable

Why is LATENESS such a BAD thing?

Being late:

- Gets your child's day off to a bad start
- Can be really embarrassing for your child to walk into class late
- Will be noticed by other children who might make negative comments
- May lead to your child feeling confused all day! He/She will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day.
- Disrupts the lesson for everyone
- Creates a bad habit that is hard to break
- Can lead to poor attendance- If your child thinks that it is okay to be late for school they can soon think it's okay not to go to school at all.

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- Talk to your child
- Talk to the school
- Ask for help- remember it's better to get help early on to stop little problems from becoming big ones!