



LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Arriving to school on time is as important as attendance.

Gates open at **8:35** am and children are expected to be in class by **8:45** am. If your child arrives after this time, they will receive a late (L) mark on the register. The registers will close up to 30 minutes after school has started if your child arrives after this time, they will receive a mark on the register that shows them to be on site, but does not count as a present mark and will mean they have an unauthorised absence (U).

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
25 minutes	20.7 days

Children who are late miss out on initial learning activities of the day. Children who are regularly late fall behind with their learning. Their day is disrupted, as is the learning of the rest of the class, whose attention is disrupted by the arrival of latecomers.

If your child is 10 minutes late every day, they will lose almost 7 days of learning a year.

From 19th August 2024, penalty notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (U) in a 10 week period. This is classed as irregular attendance. Lateness will be closely monitored by school staff to ensure that children do not fall into this time frame.