

## Attendance and Punctuality

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been very impressed with the way all the children across Weston Shore Infant School and Weston Park Primary School have returned to school since the half term break.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind all our families of the importance that **attending school, on-time, every day is, and how vital this is for children to make the best progress possible.**

Teaching children the importance of being on time is a vital life skill, one in which as a federation we share with the children. This is to support all children in being punctual when learning and also preparing for life beyond school.

It is important that your child arrives at school **on time**. This helps them learn good timekeeping and reduces the chance of classroom disruption and embarrassment when arriving to school late. Pupils who arrive after the registers have been closed, without an acceptable explanation or who are regularly late, will be marked as U, which is an unauthorised absence.

Being continually late can have a significant impact on the amount of learning across the year children will miss out on and the overall outcomes children can achieve.

**5 minutes late each day = 3 days of lost learning**  
**10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days of lost learning**  
**15 minutes late each day = 10 days of lost learning**  
**20 minutes late each day = 13 days of lost learning**  
**30 minutes late each day = 19 days of lost learning**

\*(Figures above are calculated over a school year)

As few as **19 missed days over the school year reduces chances of success**. Your child's end of year outcomes could be significantly reduced across all subjects due to missing key parts of the school's curriculum.

If you feel you would like to talk about the attendance of your child please do contact the schools so we can support you.

Kind regards,  
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