



Punctuality

Attendance focus



We understand that some mornings can be chaotic - the alarm hasn't gone off, you're trying to get the children ready for school, making sure they've had their breakfast, have they got everything they need for the day? Just getting out of the door on time can some days be stressful, then, like today it's pouring with rain and you have to go back in for raincoats - or be faced with the new 20mph speed limit en route to school.

It's **so, so** important for pupils to be in school on time. The beginning of the school day is such an important time, pupils come into school with their friends, it's a social time, they get together before learning starts and have a chat about what they've been up to, they form those relationships that can last into adulthood.

Lessons start promptly, literacy and numeracy are taught in the morning when the children are more receptive to learning, it's when they gain their core skills. They miss out on so much if they are late, more so if they are regularly late.

We've not been back in school for 2 weeks yet and we've already lost **2184** minutes of learning to poor punctuality - that's over **36** hours of learning lost in less than 10 days - imagine if that is duplicated across the school year.

Give your children a fighting chance and get them into school on time - school gates open at 8.45am! If you are late and need to come in via the school office, please don't be offended if we ask you why your child is late for school.

Not sure who to contact? Here's the Bedford Drive Primary School Attendance Team, we're working with you to improve attendance.



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