

Being late for school makes it hard for your child to learn.

If they are 30 minutes late each day, they miss half a day of learning a week.

If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could effect their achievement
- They don't have the social time to settle into class
- It can be embarrassing for them
- They may disrupt the rest of the class.

If your child arrives after the school register is closed:

All of the above is true, and in addition:

- It is classed as an 'unauthorised absence'
- High levels of unauthorised absence can result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service
- Legal action may be taken against you and you could be fined.

What you can do:



Find out what time school starts and how long it takes to get there.



Have a regular routine for the start of each day.



Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.



Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.



Get your child to school on time. If they are late they have a bad start to the day.

If lateness is a problem and you need some advice, talk to your child's school or telephone the Education Welfare Service on:

020 8489 3866