

Being a parent is hard, and we know that getting the kids out of the door on time is a challenge for everyone, if you would like some help or advice our school team are happy to offer support. We are after all on this journey together! In the meantime here are a few tips that might help you get off to a good start.....

The most common problems

- Won't get out of bed in the morning
- Won't go to bed at night
- Can't find their uniform, bag, books etc
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Haven't done their homework
- Watching the television
- Worried about a test or situation at school

Routine can really help

- Have a set time for going to bed
- Have a set time for getting out of bed
- Get their uniform and bits ready the night before
- Set a timescale for eating breakfast and stick to it
- Try and make homework a family activity and do it at a set time that works for you all
- No TV on in the morning, or if it is only for a fixed time
- Speak about school positively

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Why is regular attendance important?

Attending school regularly means that your child will have a better chance in life and research shows that regular attendance is directly associated to higher student achievement.

They learn better, they make friends and they are happier!

Is 80% good?

We would all be happy with 80% in an exam but 80% attendance through 4 years of school means a whole year lost 'queue shocked face'

The consequences of non attendance

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child of school age receives an education, they must ensure that they attend school and stay there all day. Parents can be taken to court if they fail to do this and the maximum penalty is a fine of £2,500 or up to 3 months in prison!

Lateness has a negative impact

Being late can

Disrupt lessons

Affect achievement

Embarrass/upset your child

Being a little late adds up to a big loss in learning

5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost every year

10 minutes late every day adds up to 6 days lost every year

15 minutes late every day adds up to 9 days lost every year

20 minutes late every day adds up to 12 days lost every year

10 minutes late every day for 4 years = 24 days missed, which is almost a full half term!

Being on time means not missing out

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