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## Punctuality

Dear parents,

At present, there are number of children who are arriving at school late. The Education Welfare Service (EWS) supports our school, raising achievement by promoting high levels of school attendance and punctuality. Therefore, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, our Education Welfare Officer will be on the school grounds to speak to the parents of children who are late, addressing barriers and reminding parents of the importance of being on time. As a reminder, our school doors are opened at 8:50am, until 9:00am. Registers are submitted by teachers at 9:05am.

### The effects of late arrival to class

Arriving 5 minutes late each day:

- 5 days a week = 25 minutes lost learning time a week.
- 39 weeks a year = 16 hours and 15 minutes lost learning time a year.
- 7 years in our school = 113 hours and 45 minutes learning time lost.

### Why is punctuality a good thing?

Being on time:

- results in a good start to your child's day, allowing them to settle straight into the school day.
- sets positive patterns for the future.
- leads to better achievement.
- leads to an understanding that school is important and education is valuable.
- leads to good attendance.

### Why is lateness a bad thing?

Being Late:

- results in a negative start to your child's day, leaving your child feeling unsettled as they will miss out on vital instructions, information and news at the start of the day.
- can be embarrassing for your child when entering the classroom late.
- can disrupt lessons for other learners.
- can create a bad habit that is difficult to break.
- can lead to poor attendance. If your child thinks that it is okay to be late for school, they may not fully recognise the importance of school.

We recognise that, on extremely rare occasions, a child may be late for school. However, persistent lateness can affect a child's achievement and progress. As a parent, it is your legal responsibility to ensure that your child attends school each day and is on time. If you need support with getting your child to school on time, please telephone school to arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr R. Mugan



