



The importance of school attendance:

- **Social development.** Children develop quickly in the early years and this is important for successful development. Good attendance helps your child develop and maintain good friendships in school. Regular attendance will also increase your child's self esteem and confidence.
- **Routine.** Children benefit from regular and consistent routines, both at home and at school – but they can also fall into bad habits from an early age. Teach your child the importance of coming to school every day and set good habits for the future.
- **Future prospects.** A good level of education is important to give your child the best start in life and to ensure that they have the support necessary for them to fulfil their potential. Every day counts!
- **Education is compulsory.** Once your child reaches compulsory school age, it is a legal requirement that they receive a satisfactory level of education.

If your child misses 1 day
every week from school
they will miss half a term
across the year!

*every lesson
counts!*

If your child is just 5 minutes
late to school 3 times a
week, it will add up to 2 days
across the school year!

The importance of punctuality:

- **Punctuality is linked to attendance.** If your child is late to school and misses their mark in the register this counts as an unauthorised absence.
- **Peer interaction.** Arriving on time gives your child an opportunity to meet with their friends on the playground, leading to improved social development.
- **Start the day positively.** If your child is on time for school they will be in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the days learning and activities. If your child is late they are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed and less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.
- **Class disruption.** Lateness to school causes disturbance to the class. The teacher may need to start the lesson all over again, or your child may miss important introductions to the days learning.