

# Punctuality at Lister Infant school

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### REMINDER: The school day starts at 8.50am

Children are encouraged to arrive on time as lessons follow immediately after registration. Late children need to enter via the main entrance, not through the classroom doors, which will be locked once the children have entered school.

Please do not knock on the classroom windows or doors to gain access, as this disturbs the children who will have begun their lessons.

If your child has an appointment and will be arriving at school late, please inform the school so that a dinner can be ordered.

***Punctuality is crucial to your child's education and development of good habits. It is the parent's responsibility. Children who arrive late are missing out on valuable learning time.***

### **The Effects of Late Arrival to class**

Arriving 5 minutes late each day;

- 5 days a week = 25 minutes learning time a week
- 39 weeks a year = 16 hours and 15 minutes learning time lost each year

### **Why Punctuality is Such a Good Thing**

Being on time:

- Gets your child's day off to a good start so he/she can settle straight into the school day
- Sets positive patterns for the future
- Leads to good attendance
- Leads to better achievement
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable
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### **Why Lateness is Such a Bad Thing**

Being Late:

- Gets your child's day off to a bad start
- Disrupts the lesson for everyone
- Can place your child in an embarrassing situation as other children notice and comment upon them being late
- May lead to your child feeling confused all day! He/She will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day
- Creates a bad habit that can be hard to break and can lead to poor attendance – If your child thinks that it is okay to be late for school they can soon think it's okay not to go to school at all!
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### **What to do if you have a Problem Getting Your Child to School on Time**

- Talk to your child
- Talk to the school and ask for help – remember it's better to get help early on to stop little problems becoming big problems.