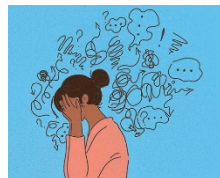# Lateness affects your child's learning…

If your child arrives late, they often feel embarrassed, struggle with class work and don't feel ready for the day.

Did you know?

5 minutes late each day = 3 school days lost!
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 school days lost!
15 minutes late each day = 10 school days lost!
20 minutes late each day = 13 school days lost!
30 minutes late each day = 19 school days lost!

Some hints and tips to help your child arrive at school on time and be ready to learn!

Prepare the night before:

- Put out uniform for the following day
- Make sure all school bags are ready (with snack/dinner money etc..)
- Check shoes are easy to find!
- Check calendar for what might be needed following day (swimming, music lessons, PE etc)
- Make sure you've signed any forms etc that need doing
- Check any homework has been done and is in the bag ready to go to school

On the day:

- Ask your children to put their clothes or uniform on before coming down for breakfast (it will save a lot of time)
- Do something 'different' once in a while: give them a checklist (they love ticking things off as they do them). use a star chart to help get them into the routine.
- Try to have fun too: make up a game e.g, can they put on their white clothes on first, followed by grey. Put on a song and set them a challenge to dance while getting dressed. *'I bet I can tidy up the breakfast things before you've put your shoes on'* or.. *'Can you put your cardigan on before I count to 10?'*

If there are particular circumstances that cause your child to be late, please do not hesitate to contact **the School office on 01606 668380** who can discuss options to help you and your child have the best start to the day.

Working together to combat lateness and help our children achieve

In line with our Attendance Policy, please ensure that your child arrives to school on time.

If your child arrives after the close of registration **9.15am** they will be marked as unauthorised Late (U) and you could be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice Warning which may result in a fine of up to £120 per parent per child.