

Sometimes things happen to make us late. Maybe the alarm didn't go off, the car wouldn't start or the baby was sick. These are things that happen rarely - being late every day is a habit. Some children are late at Magdalen Gates Primary EVERY single day. Let's break the habit. Being on time in life is important and good habits formed now will help your child at High School and in their work. What would your employer say if you were late for work everyday?

## **School starts at 8:45am.**

When pupils arrive late it can make things difficult for everyone. The teacher has to stop and wait for the latecomer to settle and the class is disrupted. The latecomer feels uncomfortable and embarrassed. They miss important parts of their learning: phonics in Reception/EYFS, literacy and numeracy in KS1 & KS2. If your child is late you MUST sign them in at the main school office.

Being frequently late every day adds up to lost learning

Arriving 5 minutes late everyday adds up to over 3 days lost each year

Arriving 10 minutes late everyday adds up to over 6 ½ days lost each year

Arriving 15 minutes late everyday is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year

Arriving 20 minutes late everyday adds up to over 13 days lost each year.

Arriving 30 minutes late everyday is the same as being absent from school for 19 days a year

## **Ideas to help you break the late habit**

- Set your alarm just 5 minutes earlier
- Pack the lunches the night before
- Leave the children's clothes out ready
- Find bookbags, library books, PE kits etc., the night before and let the children help
- Have the shoes ready by the door!
- No TV, or at least not until the children are ready for school
- Have a set time for leaving home - stick to it

## **How we can help**

If your child walks to school alone, we will phone to inform you if they are late

Let me know if there are any issues I can help with - my door is always open!

Someone in school can have a chat with your child if you think that would help

We can provide sticker reward charts for when children are on time

**If your child is continually late you could be issued with a Fixed Penalty warning notice by Norfolk County Council. This could lead to a fine of £60 per parent.**

**Get To School On time..**

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