



St. Philip's
RC Primary School

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The Importance of Punctuality and Regular School Attendance

Dear Families,

As a school, we place great importance on ensuring that all children arrive at school on time and attend regularly. The school day begins at **8:40am** and we expect all children to arrive on time ready to begin their learning.

We understand that on occasion unforeseen circumstances may result in a child arriving late. However, repeated lateness is increasing. We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of punctuality and the impact that lateness can have on children's education.

Arriving late can mean that children miss important parts of the school day, including morning routines and key instructions for their first lesson. Even a few minutes each day can quickly add up to a significant amount of missed learning over time. Arriving on time helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn, giving them the best possible start to the day.

Punctuality is also an important life skill. By ensuring children arrive at school on time, we help them develop positive habits and a sense of responsibility and respect for other people's time. These are essential skills that will support them throughout their education and into adulthood.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to plan their mornings and journeys to school carefully, allowing sufficient time for any unexpected delays. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in good time for the 8:40am start, rather than arriving at the last minute or after the school day has begun.

We would also like to remind families of the importance of **regular school attendance**. Every school day matters, and missing school means missing valuable learning opportunities, as well as time to build friendships, develop social skills and take part in the wider life of the school. **We ask that appointments, holidays and other commitments are arranged outside school hours and that children attend school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence.** The NHS link attached below has information regarding when children should be kept off school due to illness. We hope you find this helpful when making decisions about your child's attendance. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

We appreciate your continued support with both punctuality and attendance. Working together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive.

Yours sincerely,

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