

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

The school day commences at 8.47am with a line up bell. Children are required to be inside the school gates by 8.50am. After this time children are required to be recorded as late on the class roll. Some parents make it a habit of running a few minutes late, say 8.55am or 9.00am. This is considered a "Late Arrival".

It is essential training for children to know that trains, planes, buses, theatres, cinemas and lots of other organisations don't wait for you to turn up before they start or leave. Most employers take a dim view of lateness.

Lateness is an issue for teachers and the students in the class because it:

- Interrupts the flow of the class and lesson
- Doesn't allow for settling time before school and a chance for the child to talk to their friends
- Is poor training in the life skill of punctuality and common courtesy

Lateness is recorded in the class roll as required by the government legislation.

If your child arrives late due to an appointment, which cannot be arranged outside school hours, you are asked to **send an email advising of the late arrival prior to the event**. You will also be required to sign your child in the "Late Arrivals Register" at the office and complete a "Late Arrivals Slip" which is kept with the roll as evidence and reason for the lateness.

To protect valuable learning time, we ask parents to ensure that your child is punctual to school as children arriving late miss messages regarding the day's events causing some children to be anxious and it affects their entire learning.