



Late Minutes

We all have a part to play to ensure your child makes the most of his/her education

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's introduction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Guided reading is a vital part of your child's learning and is the first part of the lesson EVERYDAY.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost and can seriously disadvantage your child.



- 7:45am Breakfast Club opens
- 8:40am Gates open
- 8:50am Lessons begin
- 3.10pm KS1 end of school day. After school club opens & any after school clubs begin
- 3:15pm KS2 end of school day
- 4:15pm After school clubs pick up
- 6:00pm Aftercare club closes

Make every second count!



Punctuality Matters

Every Learning Minute Counts



HELP YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

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South Borough Primary School is committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all of our pupils. Regular attendance and punctuality is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them.

If your child is significantly late everyday it will be recorded and as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. This could also result in a referral to the Attendance Service.



We want to work together with families to keep attendance and punctuality at its best. If attendance/punctuality does not improve, despite the best efforts of the school and the Inclusion Attendance Service, Fixed Penalty Notices can be issued. This amounts to £120 per child to each parent and possible court action. Penalty Notices are issued by the Enforcement Team.

Did You Know?

- ? *Our school has increased in numbers. This means more children, more adults, more cars and more traffic.*
- ? *It takes children longer than adults to walk from the school gate to the top playground.*
- ? *The school gates are open for 10 minutes every morning prior to lessons starting (8:40am to 8:50am).*
- ? *A child being with their peers on the playground before going into class builds confidence and friendships.*
- ? *Punctuality shows reliability and is a valuable quality for future working life.*
- ? *Lateness affects others in class and can disrupt from teaching and learning.*



What can you do to help?

- ❖ Set a regular bed time and establish clear morning routines.
- ❖ Invest in a good reliable alarm clock – don't just rely on a mobile phone!
- ❖ Lay out clothes and things they need in their school bag the night before.
- ❖ Make sure you know when the school day starts.
- ❖ Develop a back-up plan for getting to school if something unexpected comes up. Call on a neighbour or another parent who lives close by.
- ❖ Allow extra time for your journey particularly in bad weather.
- ❖ Try to ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day ahead. We have an excellent Breakfast Club available from 7:45am to 8:40am at the cost of £2.00 per child (subject to price increase in September).

