



## **Punctuality - Arriving at School on time**

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment; the more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential. The Law states that: If a pupil arrives late to school but whilst the register is still open they are marked as late. If a pupil arrives at school after the register is closed, without a satisfactory reason, this may be classed as an unauthorised absence and may lead to prosecution for not ensuring your child has regular /punctual school attendance. BUT REMEMBER – “IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE LATE THAN NOT TO ARRIVE AT ALL”

Court Lane Infants School opens at 8.40am and children are welcomed straight in to the classrooms. They have 10 minutes to make their way into school and get settled before the bell. Court Lane Juniors start at 8.50am with a bell and doors being opened.

### **Information for parents/carers about punctuality**

Gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.

Helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns for the future.

Helps children develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others. Helps your child make and keep friends.

Improves self- confidence.

**OR** Gets the day off to a bad start and can put everyone in a bad mood.

Can be embarrassing.

Other people can make negative comments.

May damage your child's confidence.

May lead to children being confused and missed vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day.

Disrupts the learning for everyone.

Can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future.

Can lead to poor attendance – if a child is late for school they can start to stay away from school.

### **What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?**

- Talk to your child first.
- Talk to your child's teacher.
- Ask for help from either schools pastoral team or from someone you feel you can talk to in school.

### **Here are some things you can try:**

- Help your child get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, school uniform). • Allowing plenty of time to get to school.
- Make arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if you have problems getting your child to school.
- Make sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.
- Help your child organise homework.
- Establish a good bedtime routine.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest and is not distracted by too much time on the computer or watching TV.
- Setting aback up alarm clock!