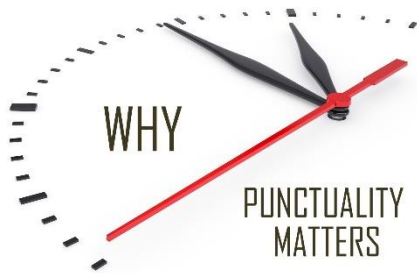




The school council members of Ballykeel are supporting Mrs Sheeran and our teachers in asking all parents and guardians to send their children to school on time everyday.



We believe that punctuality is a very important life skill, it makes you dependable and helps to build your confidence. We are grateful that everyone who works in our school is here on time, everyday, to take care of us. Imagine if you turned up at the breakfast club and Mrs Bradley did not have the breakfast ready! Since Covid, our teachers have been letting us into their classrooms from 8:45 each day, during the time they would normally prepare lessons, so we can wash our hands and be ready to starting learning from 9:00. Our teachers have to come in even earlier, or stay later the day before, so that this can happen.

What Our Teachers Say About Lateness

It disrupts the daily routine of the class
It interrupts activities
I have to repeat instructions already given
I have to help the late child get caught up
Dinner numbers have to be changed
It holds other activities back
It's very frustrating!
I worry about the pupil



What We Children Think

It takes the teacher away from the class
It creates noise
It interrupts what we are doing
It distracts me from what I am doing
I lose concentration
We have to wait while things get repeated so we are kept back.
It can be boring waiting for the teacher to finish with the late person
Keeps us late for things like assembly and swimming



How Does Lateness Affect The Person Who Is Late?

Feel tired
Feel flustered
Feel embarrassed
Feel anxious
Not sure what I am doing
Always rushing to catch up
Miss out on important information
Have to stay in at play times to catch up



Our Advice to Help Ensure That Everyone Is 'Punctual and Prepared'

School should message parents and guardians to let them know the importance of punctuality
Be organised the night before - uniform out, bag packed and lunch ready
Go to bed earlier
Get up earlier
Older children help with younger ones
Come to the breakfast club
Lock the outside doors at 9:00
Class of the month for punctuality - 'On Time Down Time'

Tips and Advice

From Monday 25th April:

- The outside doors will close at 9:00
- All late children must be brought to the office by an adult
- We will have a class of the week for punctuality from 25th - 29th April to launch our campaign of 'punctual and prepared'
- After this it will be class of the month for punctuality

MOVING FORWARD



IN BEFORE 9:00
EVERYDAY 😊