

How does 'lateness' affect my child?



Key Facts for Parents & Carers about Lateness

Being late on a regular basis is often stressful for children as they can become very self-conscious about entering the classroom. When a child arrives late to school, they miss important events like assembly, teacher instructions and introductions. The table at the side shows how lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning being lost. This can often be core learning such as tables, spellings or challenges.

Minutes late per Day	Equates to Days of Teaching Lost in one Year	Which means this number of lessons missed
5 mins	3 Days	15 Lessons
10 mins	6 Days	30 Lessons
15 mins	9 Days	45 Lessons

What are the other impacts?

When a child arrives late in school it often means that extra time is spent on settling them into class. This can cause disruption and disturb other children in respect of their learning.

It impacts on other children and the adults in school when children are regularly late.

What do we mean by 'late'?

The school day begins at 8.45am. Your child should be sitting ready to learn at

8.50am in KS2 or 8.55am in Rec & KS1.

The registers 'close' at 9.00am so if your child arrives after this point they would be classed as Late.

If your child arrives after 9.30 then they are Late and it is recorded as an Unauthorised absence.

How do I inform school if my child is going to be late?

Expecting to be late after 9.00? If you are on your way to school but have been delayed unavoidably then it helps to ring the school office and let them know that your child is coming. In that way adults in class can be made aware to expect them and issues such as lunch can be confirmed.

Yes. Should your child's lateness continue despite efforts to change this pattern a Penalty Notice will be considered. The school could also involve the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) to complete an assessment and implement a plan. The process is exactly the same as for Absence and can result in legal procedures.

Is it possible to get a **Penalty Notice** for Lateness?

What happens if lateness **carries on**?

What **help** can I get with my child's lateness?

Because regular / frequent lateness can have such a significant impact on a child's learning, we are very keen to support parents / carers where difficulties arise. Our Family Link Worker and Attendance Officer (**Mrs Woodman- Smith**), is available to talk about issues before they become significant problems. She is very willing to chat things through and help you find solutions.

Flow Chart of the Attendance Support and Challenge process at Stoke Bishop Primary School

