



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?

It is a legal responsibility for parents to have their children at school each day at the designated times. The morning bell sounds at 8:55am for a 9:00am start. Good attendance and punctuality are vital life skills.

Children who miss school, or are late, also miss out on learning. Like employers, the school regards punctuality as very important.

Why is punctuality such a good thing?

Being on time...

- ✚ Gets your child's day off to a good start and puts your child in a positive frame of mind so that he/she can make the most of his/her learning
- ✚ Sets positive patterns for the future
- ✚ Leads to good attendance
- ✚ Leads to better achievement
- ✚ Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable
- ✚ Helps your child develop a sense of responsibility for him/herself and others
- ✚ Reaps rewards as it leads to success and self-confidence

Why is lateness such a bad thing?

Being late...

- ✚ Gets your child's day off to a bad start
- ✚ May lead to your child losing confidence
- ✚ May lead to your child being confused all day. He/she will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day
- ✚ Disrupts the lesson for everyone
- ✚ Can cause your child to fall behind on their work
- ✚ Creates a bad habit that can be hard to break at secondary school and in the workplace

Small Things to help students get to school on time

- ✚ Make sure you have everything ready the night before
- ✚ Allow plenty of time for you and your child to travel to school
- ✚ Make sure your child does homework the night before, not at the breakfast table!
- ✚ Establish a good bedtime routine – this pays dividends
- ✚ Buy an alarm clock

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to help make your child's education at Ramsgate a positive one.