



# RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD BE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

It is a legal responsibility for parents to have their children at school each day at the designated times. The morning bell sounds at 8:55a.m. for a 9:00a.m. 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 the workplace.

### **Small Things to help students get to school on time:**

- ✿ Make sure you have everything ready the night before;
- ✿ Make sure you 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.