



Nine Mile Ride
School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Punctuality

Welcome back to the start of a new year and a new term. I hope that you all had a wonderful break over the festive period and I wish you and your family health and happiness for the year ahead.

A new year means a fresh start and I am hoping for your help and support over this term with regards to punctuality. A routine register check at the end of last term highlighted that across the school, the total number of minutes lost this term is 2774. This equates to 46 hours and 23 minutes! Since Monday 7 January, there have already been 32 children classed as late.

Punctuality is the responsibility of the parent/carer and children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss valuable learning experiences at the start of lessons and also disrupt the learning of others. The expectation is that Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children are in class and ready to learn at 8.45 a.m. and in Key Stage 2, 8:40am. Punctuality is a life skill that children need to develop whilst they are young so it is crucial that they establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives.

I fully appreciate that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive.

We are required to monitor children's punctuality and attendance by law and high levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can trigger a referral to the Educational Welfare Service or other professional agencies who then have a duty to investigate further. The school are very keen to help and support prior to this outcome so if you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality or there are particular circumstances that may be affecting the ability to arrive on time, please make an appointment to discuss this at your earliest convenience.

Attendance and punctuality will be monitored closely this term and I very much hope to see an improvement so many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Brown
Headteacher

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