



Every student. Every day.



Welcome to our Spring 2 attendance newsletter! Although our 'Attendance Matters' newsletter is sent out each half term via Marvellous Me, we are happy to provide paper copies in the front office should you need one.

Our updated Attendance Policy is available on our school website, where we have also provided a 'policy on a page' document to highlight some of the key things our families like to know.

What is the problem with being a 'little bit late'?

The impact of your child being late may be bigger than you think...

First of all, it takes our office staff away from doing the jobs they should be doing to keep the school running effectively...

Then it takes a member of staff away from supporting in the classroom to collect your child, ensuring they get safely to their classroom...

Then it takes another member of staff away from supporting other learners because they are trying to help your child catch up on what they have missed...

And then, there's the impact on your child: feeling that they have missed out, possibly feeling embarrassed about going into the classroom when everyone else has already started their work or going into assembly when it has already started...






This isn't fair on your child – and getting them to school on time is **your** responsibility!

You can help be ensuring you have a consistent morning routine:

Morning Routine Checklist

- Set an alarm with plenty of time to get up and get ready and sorted for the day ahead;
- Do as much as you can the night before - clothes ironed, backpacks packed, lunchbox ready in the fridge;
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine to help them rest – bath, book and bed is always a great idea (and no screen time before sleep time so your child's brain can 'switch off'!);
- Make sure there is time to talk! Talk to your child on the way to school about what they are looking forward to, what their favourite things are, something they are learning about at the moment.

Children can form bad habits when parents and carers do not put consistent routines in place; by following this advice, you are priming your child for success.

	Go to the bathroom.	
	Eat breakfast.	
	Brush your teeth.	
	Get your clothes on.	
	Do your hair.	
	Pack your water.	
	Pack your lunch box.	
	Put your backpack on.	