Every minute at school counts

Lost minutes = lost learning

Being on time:

• Gets children's day off to a good start as they are ready for the school day.

• Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable.

• Encourages children to develop positive habits and prepare them in the future; in higher education and in employment.

• Leads to good attendance and better achievements.

Being late:

• Gets children's day off to a bad start. Arriving late can make it harder for children to understand their work and keep up with peers.

• May lead to children feeling confused all day as they will have missed instructions, morning activities or important explanations.

• Can be really embarrassing for children to enter the classroom after everyone else has started.

• Disrupts the lesson for everyone.

• Develops poor habit that is hard to break; children may find it harder to develop time-management skills.

• Leads to poor attendance; affects learning and achievements.

Lateness Impact Breakdown

Minutes Late Per Day	School day lost
5 minutes late each day	Equals roughly 3 to 3.4 school days lost per year.
10 minutes late each day	Equals roughly 6.5 to 7 school days lost per year.
15 minutes late each day	Equals roughly 2 weeks of school (about 10 school days) lost per year.
20 minutes late each day	Equals roughly 13 to 13.8 school days lost per year.
30 minutes late each day	Equals roughly 19 school days lost per year (which can drop overall attendance to around 90%).