WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME?

There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school and class.

**Did you know?**

- The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to strong participation in school programs which is linked to arriving on time.

- It is very important for children to develop habits of arriving on time at an early age, beginning from the time they start school.

**Some Gains for Your Child**

Arriving On Time for School and Class:

- Makes sure that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are most alert.

- Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.

- Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.

- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.

- Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.

- Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COOL!**
HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

Are these some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

- Your child won’t go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
- Your child can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag....
- The school lunches are not ready
- Homework’s not done
- Your child is slow to eat breakfast
- Your child is watching TV late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- It’s your child’s or someone else’s birthday
- There is a test or presentation at school today
- Your child is screaming or not letting go of you.

Things to Try

Here are some suggestions based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have set time for starting and ending breakfast.
- Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished.
- Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate.
- Be firm that children must go to school.
- Give your child lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge they are organised and get to school on time.
- Be firm; a birthday does not equal a holiday.
- On arrival look for some of your child’s friends and encourage your child to go and play with their friends.
- Once settled leave quickly.

REGULAR ROUTINES ARE IMPORTANT