Punctuality at Thomas Harding School from September 2025

Missed minutes = missed learning! = missed opportunities!

Statistics show that persistent lateness can severely affect your child's academic achievement.

PLEASE READ

Registration begins at 0850am and all pupils are expected to be in the playground BEFORE this time.

Students arriving after this time will be marked as present but arriving late (L).

Students who arrive after the register closes at 0855, with no explanation from parents, will be marked as having an unauthorized absence (U).

Why is punctuality important?

We work hard on lateness at Thomas Harding for the benefit of your children. We often hear, **"I am only 5/10 minutes late",** but how does being 5 or 10 minutes late really impact?

The reality is that your child will arrive hot and sweaty, have the indignity of having to sign in and explain why they are late. By the time they arrive in class, they are 10/15 minutes late, they are embarrassed and disrupting the whole class and they will miss out on hearing important information and announcements given by their teachers. They will also have missed out on important social time with their friends and peers.

If every parent/carer adopted the routine below, disruption to registration and lessons would be rare. As parent /carers we are teaching our children resilience skills for the future. What message does it give our children for their future working life, if persistent lateness is accepted?

- Make sure bags are packed, PE kit is ready and shoes are placed by the front door, the night before.
- Lunch and a drink are prepared and in the fridge, the night before.
- Homework is done and in the school bag the night before.
- Make sure your child lays their uniform out ready, the night before.
- Make sure your child is woken up in plenty of time to prepare for school.

"If you want be successful then you will have to be punctual. Punctuality is the first step towards success."

PUNCTUALITY WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED AT THOMAS HARDING SCHOOL.