Why is it important to come to school on time?

All children have a right to an education. Only by regular school attendance can children make the most of educational opportunities, leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

It is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child to be enrolled at, and to attend, school.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:
- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- make and keep friendships.

Arriving at school and class on time:
- ensures that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore, reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence; promptly and within seven school days to the school.

Absences for these reasons are unacceptable:
- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding younger siblings and other children
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Hair cuts

Medical or dental appointments should, preferably, be made after school or during holidays.

Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays.