



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

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Dear Parent / Carer

## It's important for your child to be here on time

Here at Biddenham we believe that school is not solely a place of education but a place for creating well rounded young people who will have the best start in life. We hope when they leave Biddenham they are socially aware of their place in society and the importance of being punctual.

Our plan for 2024 is to get your child to school on time so that they are in a proper frame of mind to be their best when they arrive. When students come to class late, it can disrupt the flow of the lesson or discussion, distract other students, impede learning, and generally erode class morale.

We know that being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

The vast majority of our students arrive at school and are in lessons on time. However some students will arrive late and we aim to keep parents and carers informed so that you can support us with this.

## Going forward

- Students who arrive late on site and all students who arrive late to first registration, (Tutor time or P1 on Tuesdays), will be marked as **'Late to school'**.
- If a student is late to school, parents will receive an in touch text home informing them that their child was late to school.
- Students will also receive a **'Late to school'** Disruptive Behaviour Log. Persistent lateness will most likely result in a detention at lunchtime.

We look forward as always to your support with this matter.

Also, please be aware that students can take advantage of our **free breakfast in the Bistro before school**.

We would also like to take this opportunity of wishing you all the best for 2024 and, as ever, we look forward to working with you to ensure the ongoing success of your children.

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