



Dear Parents and Carers,

September 2026

Thank you for your continued support in helping your children to get ready for school each morning. As we settle into the new term, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of arriving at school on time.

At Loose, our ambition is to be exceptional in all that we do. That starts with making sure our children are in school, on time and ready to learn. Regular attendance and punctuality give children the best possible opportunity to access their learning, develop positive routines and make the most of everything that school has to offer. If we want every child to unlock their potential, being in school and making the most of every day really matters.

Our school day starts at 8.55am, and we ask that children arrive in good time to be in their classroom and ready to begin learning at this time.

The start of the school day is particularly important. Children settle into their classroom, connect with their friends and teacher, complete the morning register and receive the information they need for the day ahead. Arriving late can mean missing these important routines and learning, while also interrupting the class once teaching has begun.

For children who are regularly late, the impact can build over time. They can miss valuable learning, find it harder to settle into the day and sometimes feel unsettled when entering a classroom that has already started its learning.

We completely understand that, on occasion, things happen. Traffic, appointments, unexpected family circumstances or simply one of those mornings can mean that a child arrives late. If you know that your child is going to be late, please let the school office know before 8.55am, where possible, and provide the reason for the late arrival. We will always work with families where there are circumstances making punctual arrival difficult.

We really appreciate your support in helping us to ensure that every child gets the best possible start to their school day. Every minute of learning matters, and every day provides another opportunity for our children to learn, grow and discover what they are capable of.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Childs
Headteacher

Every Minute Counts!

8.45am Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.

8.55am Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts at 8.55am.

8.56am Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.

9.00am 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost days a year.

9.05am 10 minutes late a day means 6 lost days a year.

9.10am 15 minutes late a day means 9 lost days a year

9.15am Arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Give your child the best start to the school day by arriving between 8.45am – 8.55am

