

ST OSWALD'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

Christ Be Our Light

Our Catholic family of schools is committed to living and promoting Gospel values. Through mutual support and co-operation, we strive to foster the spiritual, physical, emotional and academic development of young people entrusted to our care where each person is valued as an individual. We aim for excellence in all we do.



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CONTACT INFORMATION



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

LATENESS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

LATENESS TO SCHOOL CAN BE AN UPSETTING AND ISOLATING EXPERIENCE FOR A CHILD

- Before the beginning of the school day, it is important for a child to have contact with their peers on the playground. This is one of the times during the school day where they can share quality time with their peers and are able to forge their friendships. Children who are late miss this opportunity and can quickly become anxious and withdrawn, lacking in self-esteem and feeling left out.
- Children who are late readily become identified amongst their peer group as a person who is unprepared for school and disrupts the learning of others. This can leave the child feeling confused and unsettled, having to play catch up with their work and without the appropriate instruction from the teacher. In turn, this may lead to the child becoming unhappy and disaffected with their learning and not wanting to come to school.
- All the business of the school day is given to the pupil in the registration period. When a child is late, they will miss out on vital information, important to their learning and participation in other activities, such as school trips.
- A child's learning journey starts at the very beginning of their Early Years education, this being an important time for parents to embed good habits of attendance and punctuality with their child, which will follow them through their school and working life.

Once established, the child will be accustomed to school routines and grow through their education to become a confident independent learner.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

This is how Ofsted rates your child's school attendance

100%-99%	OUTSTANDING
98%-97%	GOOD
96%-95%	SATISFACTORY
94%-91%	INADEQUATE
90%-86%	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
85% & below	SERIOUS CONCERN

The government expects schools to promote good attendance & reduce absence, including persistent absence; ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled and act early to address patterns of absence and ensure all pupils are punctual to lessons.

St Oswald's Catholic Academy Trust fulfils these expectations through a robust attendance process which seeks to work closely with pupils and parents to achieve and sustain improvements to attendance and punctuality. Attendance practice is consistently applied across each academy.

The start of the school day is:

- St Gabriel's Catholic Voluntary Primary Academy at 8:55am.
- St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Voluntary Primary Academy at 8:55am.
- St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Primary Academy at 8:55am.
- St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy at 8:40am.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME IS AN IMPORTANT LESSON FOR LIFE

St Oswald's Catholic Academy Trust will not tolerate a child being late to school and reasons will be contested. The staff in all the academies strive hard to ensure each pupil within their care is taught to good and outstanding national curriculum standards. This cannot be achieved where a child is late to school and is not ready to learn.

Regular school attendance is determined between the hours prescribed by the school. As part of a parent's responsibility to ensuring their child attends school regularly, it is important for parents to ensure their child is arriving to school on time.

Lateness to school is monitored as a safeguarding factor which can identify pupils who may be vulnerable for welfare reasons.

In each academy, the minutes late is recorded on every occasion a child is arriving late to school. A parent is notified in writing each half term of the accumulated minutes their child has missed from their learning by arriving late to school. Following receipt of a letter, the expectation is for lateness to improve. Pupils arriving late in St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy will receive a same day after school detention.

It is important for pupils in their final school years to have good attendance and punctuality, as this is reported in any reference requested of the academy, from prospective employers or further education providers.