



*In the Light of Jesus  
we Learn to Shine*

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



*St. Alban  
Catholic Schools' Partnership*

## **Information for parents and carers about why punctuality counts**

### **10 reasons why punctuality is important**

*(Information provided by Luton Borough Council – Education Welfare Services for Schools)*

1. If a child is late for school, they will miss the start of the lesson and school day. This can be disruptive for the child, class teacher and other pupils.
2. Being late does not get the day off to a good start for you or your child.
3. Late to school means that your child may not understand the work they have to do.
4. Children who are late to school find it more difficult to settle.
5. They may have to go into assembly after it has started. This interrupts the assembly and may upset your child.
6. Children may miss important messages or other information given out.
7. Being late to school regularly adds up! Can your child afford to miss nearly two weeks of schooling? (This is what being late for 10 minutes each day can add up to.)
8. It is important for children to get into the habit of being punctual for school – it sets a pattern for later on in your child's life. Employers want people who can attend work punctually.
9. School, colleges and employers will ask for details of your child's attendance and punctuality (when the time arises).
10. As children get older, they may have to stay behind after school to make up the time that they have lost through being late.