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### **Persistently Late:**

A pupil's punctuality is a legal requirement and the parents/carers of a pupil who is persistently late for school are guilty of an offence. The law treats persistent lateness in the same way as irregular school attendance and parents could be prosecuted if late arrival at school is not resolved. **Remember Westfield School starts at 8.50am,** therefore arrival after this time will result in a late mark 'L' being given, this changes to an unauthorised late 'U' after 9.30am when registration is closed.

### **Some effects of persistent lateness are:**

- Persistent lateness can be as damaging to a pupils school career as persistent absence.
- Pupils who arrive late disrupt not only their education but that of others.
- Being persistently late at Primary School can lead to truancy at High School.
- Chronic lateness may result in a pupil losing their attendance mark for the session and the absence will be unauthorised which could result in a penalty notice warning or fine of at least £60.

**Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444 (1) of the 1996 Education Act.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Pennington if you wish to discuss any of the above.