



School Attendance 2024/2025

The School Attendance Strategy at Scoil Naomh Feichin focuses on creating an environment that encourages all pupils to attend school regularly and punctually.

The best gift that anyone can give a child is to offer that child the opportunity to fulfil his or her potential. To ensure that every pupil in our school has an opportunity to do that, regular attendance at school is vital.

This year we will be highlighting again the importance of good school attendance as we have high expectations for all of our pupils. Needless to say, we completely understand that there may be particular instances when pupils must remain at home due to illness or for other unavoidable reasons.

Class teachers are required to record all absences and late arrivals at school every day. They also need to record “*reasons for absence*” whenever a pupil misses a school day. Therefore, it is most important that parents communicate the “*reason for absence*” to the class teacher so that information can be saved on our pupil management system.

As well as submitting attendance reports to Tusla at the end of each term, the school is required, by law, to inform the Tusla Education Support Service (TESS) if a child has missed 20 days or more in a school year. The school may also make a referral to TESS where there are concerns about the number of days that a child is absent.

If your child has missed 15 days from school, for whatever reason, we send a letter to parents making them aware of this fact and also reminding them of the 20 Day rule. Obviously, if there is clear evidence that a child has been absent from school for genuine and unavoidable reasons, these absences can’t be helped. However, if the absences are unexplained or unusually frequent, an Educational Welfare Officer may get in contact with the school and subsequently with parents to request more information.

Every month our school will be recording the attendance records of each pupil and at our regular school assembly we will be awarding Attendance Certificates and Prizes for Good School Attendance.

We will be monitoring our attendance records over the course of the school year as our goal is to gradually improve attendance numbers to reach pre-Covid levels.

During the year 2024-25, we will provide parents with regular updates on school attendance and the importance of good attendance will be regularly highlighted by teachers in their classes.



School Attendance Summary – September 2024	
Percentage of pupils with Full Attendance (23 days)	57%
Percentage of pupils who were absent for 1 day	17%
Percentage of pupils who were absent for 2 days	10%
Percentage of pupils who were absent for 3 days	4 %
Percentage of pupils who were absent for more than 3 days	12%

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