

Statement of Strategy for School Attendance

Name of school	St. Patrick's N.S.
Address	Clara, Killybrone, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan
Roll Number	19362P
The school's vision and values in relation to attendance	To promote and encourage regular attendance as an essential factor in our pupils' learning and social development.
The school's high expectations around attendance	We expect and promote a 95% attendance rate in our school
How attendance will be monitored	All attendance will be recorded on Aladdin. Principal will monitor and track individual children's attendance using the statistics module on Aladdin
Summary of the main elements of the school's approach to attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target setting and targets • The whole-school approach • Promoting good attendance • Responding to poor attendance 	<p><u>Target setting and targets</u> Set out in our new DEIS Plan Staff meet termly to review targets and identify absentee patterns</p> <p><u>The whole-school approach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aladdin Schools Administration Service used for the roll data collection • Reminder note sent to parents when their child accumulates 10 absent days • Focus on well-being in the school <p><u>Promoting good attendance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Calendar sent home at the beginning of every year. • An end-of-term reward for the highest attendance • An end-of-term reward for 95%+ attendance • A copy of our Attendance policy will be sent home at the start of each academic year • Our Attendance strategy will be highlighted in each termly newsletter <p><u>Responding to poor attendance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/Guardians are notified through a phone call when their child hits absences of 5 days or more without a reason being notified to the school. • Parents/Guardians receive a note when their child hits absences of 10 days or more.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/Guardians are notified through a letter from the principal when their child hits absences of 15 days or more. • Parents/Guardians will be informed of their child's attendance record at the beginning of each Parent/Teacher meeting. • Parents/Guardians are notified on the end-of-year report of the total number of absences during the school year. • Class teachers will report any patterns of absence that they observe to Principal. • Principal will monitor patterns of absence through Aladdin Schools. • Staff will inform Principal about late arrival and early leaving patterns, including leaving with siblings. • Under the Education Act, children with 20 days absence or more are reported to the EWO. In such cases, the EWO (following all reasonable efforts by the TESS to consult with the child's Parents/Guardians and the principal of the school) may serve a 'School Attendance Notice' on any parent who they conclude is failing or neglecting to cause the child to attend the school. A successful case against a Parent/Guardian may result in a fine or imprisonment. • Reasons for absence are recorded and reported to the TESS during the school year through the online portal. An annual report is submitted at the end of the school year detailing the overall attendance during the school year.
School roles in relation to attendance	Class teacher / Secretary record attendance Principal links in with families with attendance issues School Principal works alongside the EWO
Partnership arrangements (parents, students, other schools, youth and community groups)	Parent Committee, Parish of Errigal Truagh, Truagh GAA Club, Local Music Group, Clara Community Hall, Errigal Contracts, Monaghan GAA, Monaghan Sports Partnership.
How the Statement of Strategy will be monitored	Principal, along with all staff.
Review process and date for review	Attendance Policy review with whole staff annually June 2025
Date the Statement of Strategy was approved by the Board of Management	
Date the Statement of Strategy submitted to Tusla	