



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Statement of Strategy for School Attendance

Name of school	Lackamore National School
Address	Newport Co. Tipperary
Roll Number	02428B
The school's vision and values in relation to attendance	<p>Lackamore National School aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ recognise and maintain our tradition of excellent school attendance. ▪ recognises the link between good school attendance habits and educational outcomes for children. ▪ foster an appreciation of learning among students attending the school and encourage regular attendance at school for each student.
The school's high expectations around attendance	<p>Lackamore National School expects that students are in school on each school day. In exceptional circumstances where a student is absent, this must be explained in writing by the parent/guardian.</p>
How attendance will be monitored	<p>The class teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintains daily attendance on Aladdin. • Inform the Principal of concerns s/he may have regarding the attendance of any pupil. <p>The principal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the school register of pupils is maintained in accordance with regulations. • Inform the Education Welfare Officer: • If a pupil is not attending school regularly. • When a pupil has been absent for 20 or more days during the course of a school year. • Inform parents of a decision to contact the Education Welfare Officer of concerns regarding a pupil.
<p>Summary of the main elements of the school's approach to attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target setting and targets • The whole-school approach • Promoting good attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school curriculum, insofar as is practicable, is flexible and relevant to the needs of the individual child. • The school will promote development of good self-concept and self-worth in the children.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to poor attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school provides daily incentives to students to attend school such as lunchtime clubs and after schools' activities • The attendance rates of students will be monitored by the class teacher in the first instance, and the class teacher will notify the principal of any concerns regarding the attendance of any child. • If a child has been absent for 15 days, the parents will be invited to meet with the school to discuss improved school attendance. • Students who require support to improve their school attendance will benefit from a reward system for improved attendance if it is appropriate for the individual child. • The assistance of the Education Welfare Officer will be utilised where appropriate and required.
<p>School roles in relation to attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of school attendance is promoted throughout the school. • Students are registered accurately and efficiently. • Student attendance is recorded daily. • Parents or guardians are contacted when reasons for absences are unknown or have not been communicated. • Student attendance and lateness is monitored. • School attendance statistics are reported as appropriate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Educational Welfare Service ▪ The Board of Management
<p>Partnership arrangements (parents, students, other schools, youth and community groups)</p>	<p>Lackamore National School is a small school in a rural location.</p> <p>The school has links/partnerships with the following local clubs and groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newport GAA ○ Newport FC ○ Dance club ○ Newport Rugby Club ○ Other Local Schools ○ Local Crèches ○ Yoga Club
<p>How the Statement of Strategy will be monitored</p>	<p>The Principal will monitor the implementation of the school attendance strategy.</p>
<p>Review process and date for review</p>	<p>This statement was drawn up in Nov 2021 and will be reviewed in 2023</p>

Date the Statement of Strategy was approved by the Board of Management	14/1/22
Date the Statement of Strategy submitted to Tusla	27/1/22

