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### **Attendance Strategies At Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh(C) 19000E**

In Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh(C), we value the individuality of all our children and respect their right to access all areas of learning. We work to enable them to develop the knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes that are necessary for their self-fulfillment and their development into active and responsible adults.

Poor school attendance is not a problem at Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh. Children are generally excellent to attend. The last case for concern was in 2001/2002.

#### **Aims**

IT IS OUR INTENTION

- To comply with requirements under Education Welfare Act 2000/Guidelines from NEWB.

#### **Strategies to encourage good attendance**

- **Caring Environment** – We, at all times, aim to ensure that children are taught in a safe secure and caring environment where their intellectual, physical and spiritual development are catered for
- We try to create a welcoming environment for pupils and parents. Teachers consistently try to encourage good attendance in their respective classrooms
- **Special Needs** – pupils needing support are identified as early as possible and the appropriate support systems put into place. We emphasise positive achievements and do all we can to enhance self-esteem.

#### **Communication**

- **Parental Support** - It is our policy to encourage and maintain open communication between home and school and to encourage parents in their role as primary educators of their children. The Principal and teachers are available, on an appointment basis, to meet parents.
- Parents are made aware of the requirements of the Education Welfare Act at pre-enrollment information meetings.
  1. The importance of regular attendance
  2. Parental obligations in relation to attendance under the Education Welfare Act

#### **School Records**

A roll call is taken every day and should a child be absent, they are required to have an explanatory note from their parents. This may be recorded in the journal. The Education and Welfare act 'obliges the parents of an absent child to notify the school of the cause of absence not later than the third day of absence'. Notes or record of non- attendances are duly dated and need to be kept.

- When a child has missed 20 days, the absence is reported to the Education Welfare Board as required by the Education Welfare Act.