# Gaelscoil na mBeann



# Attendance Policy

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## Introduction

Regular school attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can have full access to the school curriculum and reach their potential. Gaelscoil na mBeann will strive to promote an ethos and culture which encourages good attendance and where each pupil will feel valued and secure.

#### Aims

- 1. To improve/maintain the overall attendance of pupils at Gaelscoil na mBeann.
- 2. To develop a framework that defines roles and responsibilities in relation to attendance.
- 3. To provide advice, support and guidance to parents/guardians and pupils.
- 4. To promote good relationships with the Education Welfare Service.

### **Role of the School**

The Principal at Gaelscoil na mBeann has overall responsibility for school attendance; Teaching staff should bring any concerns regarding school attendance to his attention.

The Board of Governors provide support by reviewing school attendance figures and targets and ensuring it is placed as an agenda item at each meeting.

Teaching staff regularly monitor the attendance and punctuality of pupils by ensuring that attendance is recorded at the beginning of morning and afternoon registration sessions. To enable our school to accurately record and monitor attendance in a consistent way we will adhere to the guidance provided in the Department of Education Circular 2019/14, which can be found at the following link:

https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/de-circular-2019-14-attendance-guidance-and-absence-recording.pdf

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