

**Lankill N.S. Statement of Strategy for School Attendance**

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| Name of school | Lankill NS | |
| Address | Lankill, Westport, Co. Mayo |
| Roll Number | 16904K | |
| The school’s vision and values in relation to attendance | In Lankill N.S. we recognize the importance of school attendance. We endeavour to provide a supportive, positive and welcoming school environment where the needs of every individual child are met. | |
| The school’s high expectations around attendance | The school expects that in so far as is possible that all pupils fully attend school. Children who are unwell are not expected to attend school. | |
| How attendance will be monitored | Attendance is monitored daily by a roll call taken by the class teacher & recorded on Aladdin. Notes are requested from parents explaining why their child was absent from school. These notes are kept in the pupil’s file.  Pupils who have been absent from school on 20 occasions are reported to TUSLA and parents. | |
| Summary of the main elements of the school’s approach to attendance:   * Target setting and targets * The whole-school approach * Promoting good attendance * Responding to poor attendance | In Lankill N.S. we do not experience difficulties with children’s attendance as a rule.  Any concerns about a child’s attendance are brought  primarily, to the attention of the parents by the principal and class teacher. To date, this approach has worked well.  Good attendance is promoted constantly. Certificates are  not awarded at the end of the school year to students with good attendance in consideration of children who may have been absent due to prolonged illness or circumstances beyond their control. | |
| School roles in relation to attendance | Rolls are maintained and monitored by the Principal.  In the event of the Principal being absent the Deputy  Principal is responsible for maintaining the roll.  The Principal is also responsible for  reporting to TUSLA at the relevant points during the  school year and at the end of the school year in the  Annual School Report. These are reported electronically. | |
| Partnership arrangements (parents, students, other schools, youth and community groups) | Parents, staff members and the children themselves are  encouraged to uphold the school’s Policy on Attendance. | |
| How the Statement of Strategy will be monitored | This statement will be monitored by the Principal  at staff meetings periodically throughout the school year | |
| Review process and date for review | This policy will be reviewed on a whole school basis in:  September 2024 | |
| Date the Statement of Strategy was approved by the Board of Management | October 2023 | |
| Date the Statement of Strategy was submitted to TUSLA | October 2023 | |