

Scoil Náisiúnta Phádraig Naofa, Calry
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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware, missing school for any reason has an impact on your child's education. Key areas of learning in Literacy and Maths are covered daily by your child's teacher. If your child misses out on something which is taught, it is often very hard for them to catch up.

If your child misses some school, it is important to let us know why. The National Education & Welfare Board (NEWB) monitors the attendance of children in school by checking the roll books monthly. We must report the number of days missed by your child. **This is a legal requirement of the NEWB.** If this number exceeds twenty, then you may experience a visit or letter from this board.

As part of our strategy to improve attendance levels we monitor children's attendance weekly. If your child misses ten or more days and the absences are unexplained we will be inviting you to come to a meeting about your child's attendance. We are keen to support you and to have your support in the education of your child.

As a matter of course we are going to inform all parents via text message when their child reaches 15 & 20 days of absence in the school year. We realise that sometimes these prolonged absences may be due to illness but we feel it is important for you as parents to be aware of the number of days being missed by your child.

Please feel free to call in and make an appointment to speak to me or the class teacher if you have any concerns or questions in regard to our attendance policy.

Yours sincerely,

David Gallagher
(Principal)