



**Saint Columba's National School,
North Strand,
Dublin 3.**

School Attendance Policy

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Adopted by the Board of Management, by the Teachers and by the Parents.

The Children of Saint Columba's N.S. have a good attendance record generally. When children are absent, it is usually very evident to the teacher why this is so.

What Parents must do:

A parent should produce a note stating the reason for absence. Parents are advised to keeping a copy.

What the Principal must do:

The principal is obliged to inform the TUSLA (The Child and Family Agency) when a child has missed 20 days. The principal will inform the parent that they have been reported to the board, should such a report be made.

School attendance is of immense benefit to the child:

- It ensures that the child gets the grounding in all subjects
- It ensures continuity in their learning
- It has social implications - children who are absent a lot tend to have difficulty with friendships
- It allows the child to shine - as every child has some uniqueness
- It enhances responsibility - if a teacher cannot depend on a child's presence it fractures dependability
- It makes subjects easier for the child, not harder.
- It is one measure of a parent's / guardian's input to a child's welfare.

What the school does to encourage good attendance:

- Keeps accurate attendance records using the Aladdin system
- Informs parents when a child reaches their 10th, 15th and 20th absence.
- Engages with TUSLA if there are concerns regarding a child's attendance or time keeping
- Encourages good attendance by presenting perfect attendance awards annually.