



Coláiste Chú Chulainn
Cúram. Forbairt. Feabhas.

Statement of Strategy for School Attendance 2019 -2020

Name of school	Coláiste Chú Chulainn
Address	The Marshes Lower, Dundalk, Co. Louth
Roll Number	76195U
The school's vision and values in relation to attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We place Cúram at the centre of everything we do. • We create an ethos of Forbairt within our school community. • We strive for Feabhas in our curriculum • Student – Staff - Home relationships are developed nurtured to promote excellence in attendance.
The school's high expectations around attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We place attendance as key to student engagement, attainment and wellbeing • We set individual targets for students at risk of poor attendance and celebrate the realisation of those targets.
How attendance will be monitored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance will be recording electronically in every lesson. • Attendance rates are conveyed to parents through letters, term reports and parent-teacher meetings. • We aim to notify parents by text of any absence each morning. • All staff monitor attendance for all students.
Summary of the main elements of the school's approach to attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target setting and targets • Responding to poor attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To collate base line data on attendance in 2019 / 2020 • Daily monitoring by All Staff. • Tutors and Year Heads will monitor attendance. • Contact with home as required. • Improved and excellent attendance rewarded at School Awards Ceremonies. • Regular upskilling of staff in monitoring and inputting of attendance date on ePortal.
School roles in relation to attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOM will adopt this strategy and receive updates at meetings.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOM will adopt the Attendance and Participation Policy and Procedures. • Participation in Everyday Counts Initiative in November 2019. • SMT will monitor staff engagement with the inputting of data. • Subject department plans will detail strategies to promote student awareness of the benefits of good attendance.
Partnership arrangements (parents, students, other schools, youth and community groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We aim to utilise a SMS system this academic year to notify parents when a child is absent on a daily basis. • A child leaving school must be collected at reception by a parent/guardian and signed out by them in the school office in the sign out book. • School facilities will be utilised by local sporting community and cultural groups to enhance community engagement.
How the Statement of Strategy will be monitored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed twice a year. January and June. • Once baseline data is collected for this academic year it will be monitored and reported to the BOM regularly.
Review process and date for review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual review May 2020
Date the Statement of Strategy was approved by the Board of Management	
Date the Statement of Strategy submitted to Tusla	

Attendance Strategy Targets 2019 - 2020	
1.	Attendance rates will be detailed in Term Reports.
2.	Attendance will be recorded in all lessons.
3.	School will participate in Everyday counts November 2019 (TUSLA)

This Statement of Strategy was adopted on 23rd September 2019