

## *St Brendan's N.S Loughshinny Attendance policy*

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### *1. Introduction:*

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*Here at St Brendan's Loughshinny we are committed to ensuring that every child receives a quality education. We want to work with parents/guardians to ensure that we support their child's learning in whatever way we can.*

### *2. The policy's relationship to the school's mission statement and ethos:*

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*St Brendan's is a Catholic school under the patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin. While maintaining a Catholic ethos St Brendan's recognises and welcomes children of differing abilities and needs and as resources allow, tries to accommodate those children. Our vision is to develop the full potential of the child both morally and academically. We seek to promote a happy and safe working environment where children learn at their own pace and become responsible and willing members of the community. We believe that a good attendance record is essential for achieving that goal.*

### *3. Positive Approach*

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*Our Code of Good Behaviour sets out our goals in terms of encouraging a positive environment in the school. It is essential that the children in our school enjoy coming to school. The policies in our school are all geared to that end.*

### *4. Absences and lateness*

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*The school aims to taking an assistive approach to children who are absent or late to school on a regular basis. When a child reaches 20 absences or above at the end of one of the NEWB reporting periods, the letter attached to this policy will be sent to the parents/guardians. We will use this letter as a springboard for assisting the parents/guardians of the pupil to improve the child's attendance record.*

*This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)*

*Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Chairperson of the Board of Management Principal*

*Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_*