



When your child is at school we know they are safe and well.

Being with friends is so important for young people to develop their social skills – school is where friends are.

Newbridge School believes that in order to facilitate teaching and learning, good attendance is essential. We understand that for many of our students there may be anxiety around attendance and a fear of failure, however it is important to acknowledge that young people cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend their school.

Following the framework set in **Section 7** of **the Education Act 2011** which states that:

“The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him/her to receive efficient full-time education suitable:(a) to age, ability and aptitude and (b) to any special educational needs he/ she may have Either by regular attendance at school or otherwise”.



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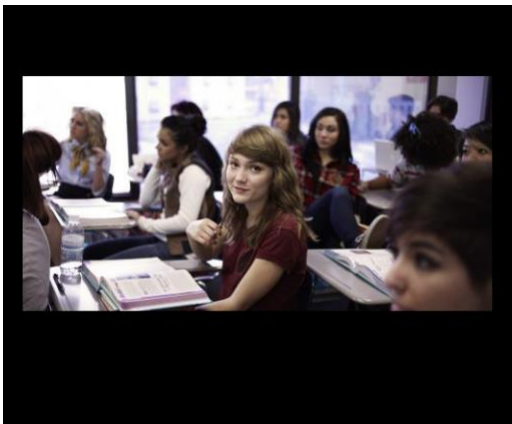
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## Attendance advice for parent carers

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## Some tips that may make it easier to get your child to school.

- Make sure they have a good night's sleep the night before a school day
- Make sure they have something to eat before leaving the house
- Talk to your child about school
- If they are worried or not enjoying school ask to speak to the teacher.
- If your child is finding work too hard/too easy speak to the school about this.
- Set the alarm with plenty of time for them to get ready at a pace to suit them
- Make sure they have all of the things they will need for school.



If your child misses just 1 day a week, over a school year this would be 39 days - 1 month and 2 weeks of learning time.

Over the 5 years your child is in secondary school, 1 missed day a week equals 6 months and 1 week lost learning time.

Attend today - Achieve tomorrow.

Attendance Works!

GET UP,  
DRESS UP,  
TURN UP  
AND NEVER GIVE UP!

Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0 days
95%	10 days
90%	20 days
85%	30 days
80%	40 days

## What the government has to say...

Students need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

### The government expects:

- Schools and local authorities to:
  - Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
  - Ensure every student has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
  - act early to address patterns of absence.
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.
- All students to be punctual to their lessons.



**Together we can make a difference to your chances - come to school EVERY day!**