

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER



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Every School Day Counts

Statistics show that good attendance in school can have the following outcomes:

- students have better mental health
- improved student happiness
- students get better exam results
- students secure higher paid jobs as adults
- greater social networks for students
- students have better coping skills
- students are more resilient

Good habits

- It builds in young people the idea that getting up and going to school is simply what you do.



Students with Best Attendance prizes in November 2023

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?



- Make education important in your home
- Tell students it is NOT okay to miss school
- Help your child to be PROUD of a good attendance record
- Talk to us if there is a problem getting your child to school
- Encourage and support your child with school and homework

THE SCHOOL'S ROLE

- To keep an accurate register of attendance
- To recognise and reward good attendance
- To send daily text messages if a student is absent
- To contact home if a student misses school
- To send texts after 5 days of absence
- To issue letters after 10 and 15 days of absence
- To contact TESS (Tusla Education Support Service) if a student misses 20 days or more



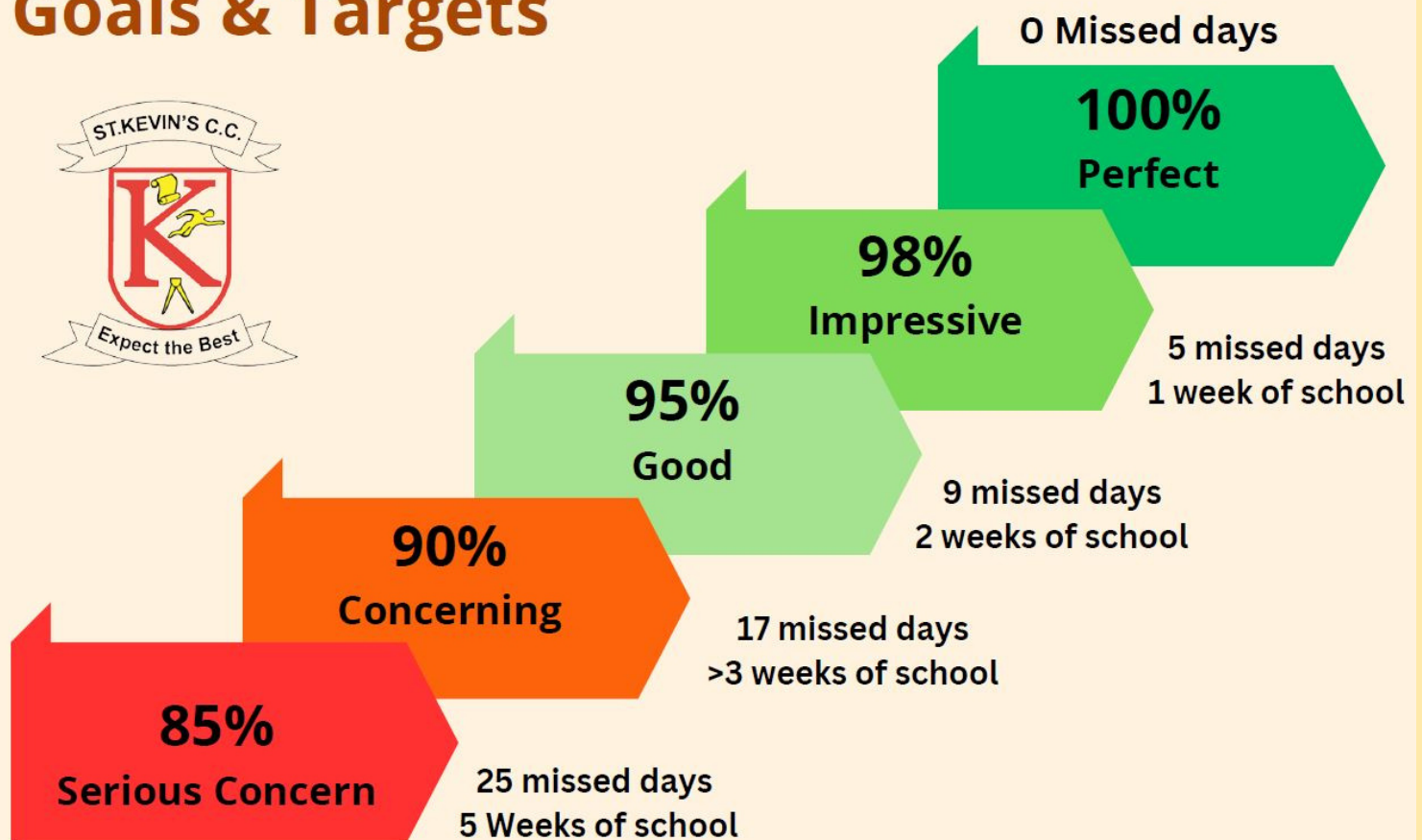
Student of the Week Winners - October 2023.
Student of the week winners have excellent attendance records.

Acceptable reasons for being absent

- Sickness
- Bereavement
- Serious family emergency
- Medical/Dental appointments (but these should be outside school time)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Goals & Targets



National Targets V St Kevin's CC

It is expected that 80% of all students should be present in school 95% of the time.

In St Kevin's CC, this figure is much lower and we need to improve it. We need your help and support in improving this statistic. We know it can be difficult to get your son/daughter into school at times so we are here to help.

LCA Students

A minimum of 90% attendance is a basic requirement of the Leaving Certificate Applied programme. Lengthy or repeated absence must be covered by a doctor's cert. Any holidays taken during the course of the two year programme will not be accepted as a legitimate absence and may result in participants losing out on credits.

It's important to understand that the 90% applies to each subject. For example, if a student has 2 Maths classes per week and regularly misses 1 of them, then they will not meet the 90% target. It is really important that LCA students are here every single day.



Students rewarded with a cooked breakfast by our Adult Ed Culinary Skills class for their excellent attendance



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