



## DEIS PLANNING TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE 2025 - 2028

### **Review and Rationale:**

We plan to continue to promote good practice around attendance throughout the school and work collaboratively to develop positive attitudes towards attendance, both in school and at home.

During the course of this three-year planning period, we aim to use various strategies to address attendance issues at all levels of the Anseo Three-Tiered Response Model in line with our Statement of Strategy for Attendance.

We have always rewarded excellence in Attendance in St Oliver's and these targeted plans and whole school actions, will encourage students to strive for these high standards again this year. HSL emphasises attendance and participation in her work with target and marginalised families.

As always, we acknowledge the need to work collaboratively with parents around attendance. We plan to continue our whole school parent meetings in September. In the course of these meetings, we will attempt to revive good habits and place significant emphasis on the importance of school attendance and punctuality and the correlation between attendance and attainments.

**Targets**

- To analyse attendance figures under the 3 Tiered Data from Aladdin-for target months-September/November/January/March/May and to aim to improve percentages from last year by 1% under each Tier.
- Using these figures-target individual families for SCP support and HSCL Actions-Attendance team meetings used to discuss.
- Using Comparative figures monthly-aim to improve on last years-month by month basis(Hall poster for children)
- Increase the number of children achieving excellence in attendance (0,1,2&3 days absent) each year.
- Improve punctuality by running bi-annual Punctuality Drives.

**Actions**

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**Monitoring:**

- Attendance will be monitored by Class teacher/Attendance Team/HSCL and Principal.
- Aladdin will be used to track patterns of absenteeism and analyse monthly figures.
- Parents will be contacted re 'UNEXPLAINED' absences when they are ongoing and where patterns of absent days emerge.
- Regular meetings with parents will be scheduled throughout the year to note improvements and effort.
- Attendance will feature on Staff meeting agenda.
- Excellence in Attendance will be noted at each monthly assembly – rewards/ certificates issued.
- Frequent collaboration with SCP and EWO regarding attendance.
- EWO referrals will be submitted where it is deemed necessary.

**Evaluation**

- Evaluation of the plan will be done through analysis of Baseline Data from June 25 and comparisons made each year to look at our target setting and improvements.
- Attendance Team-analysis of Target data-month by month
- Attendance frequently on Agenda for ISM meetings.

- Looking at actions that had positive impact on Attendance, during the course of Staff Meetings and meetings with HSCI as we review DEIS planning.

Ratified by the BOM on 14-12-2025

Signed: *John Condon* Chairperson

Signed: *V Flattery* : Principal

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