

## Beckfoot Trust Graduated Attendance Strategy - Explained

	<b>Staged Approach -</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>	<b>Threshold Attendance</b>	<b>Actual Attendance (days)</b>	<b>Whole days absent</b>	<b>Learning hours lost</b>
	<b><u>Celebrate and sustain</u></b> Your child has high attendance. Well done 😊 We recognise and celebrate learners who attend school every day on time. We thank parents for their support and commitment to ensuring high attendance for their child.	<b>Excellent</b>	100%	190	0	0
			99%	188	2	10
		<b>Very Good</b>	98%	186	4	20
			97% (Trust Target for all schools)	184	6	30
		<b>Good</b>	96%	182	8	40
	<b><u>Stage 1 – Pleasant Nudge</u></b> Your child's attendance has fallen below our Trust target. We will let you know via text/letter that we are concerned. Improvements in attendance are expected and will be monitored by teachers and tutors.	<b>Needs to improve</b>	95%	181	9	45
			94%	179	11	55
			93%	177	13	65
	<b><u>Stage 2 - Engage</u></b> Your child is <u>at risk of being persistently absent</u> from school. This is when attendance falls below 90%. Actions need to be taken to improve attendance quickly. We will invite you to meet with attendance leaders and officers in school to discuss reasons for absence and set a target to improve. We can involve external agencies to support.	<b>Identified for action</b>	92%	175	15	75
			91%	173	17	85
	<b><u>Stage 3- Attendance Contract 1</u></b> Your child is identified as persistently absent from school. You (and your child, where appropriate) will be invited to attend a meeting with leaders in school to discuss concerns. An attendance contract will be agreed to support improvements in attendance and monitored for 4 weeks. External agencies are likely to be involved to offer support.	<b>Cause for concern</b>	90%	171	19	95
			89%	169	21	105
			88%	167	23	115
			87%	165	25	125
			86%	163	27	135
	<b><u>Stage 4 – Attendance Contact 2</u></b> Where there is little/no improvement to your child's attendance over the 4 weeks (and no genuine reason for absence) you will be invited to attend an Attendance Panel meeting with the Headteacher and a member of the Local School Committee (with your child, where appropriate). Support and challenge to improve attendance will be agreed in Contract 2 and an attendance target set. Alongside the contract you will receive a final warning letter detailing actions that will be taken if attendance does not improve. Improvements are monitored for 4 weeks.	<b>Serious cause for concern</b>	85%	162	28	140
			84%	160	30	150
			83%	158	32	160
			82%	156	34	170
			81%	154	36	180
	<b><u>Stage 5 – Referral to Local Authority/Possible Prosecution + Attendance Contract 3</u></b> Where there is little/no improvement in your child's attendance. You will be invited to meet with the LA, attendance leader and external agencies to discuss reasons for further absence. Attendance Contract 2 will be reviewed with you and your child (where appropriate). Where action is necessary, we will inform you of referral to the Local Authority for prosecution. We will continue to monitor attendance and absence with Contract 3.	<b>Extreme cause for concern</b>	80% and below	152	38	190