



Attendance Policy and Procedures

CONTEXT/BELIEF STATEMENT

At Glossop Primary Community School we provide a safe, stimulating learning environment in which every child is assisted to reach their full potential. We believe that students need to attend school regularly in order to participate fully and gain maximum benefit from schooling. Regular attendance enables children to access a full education. School staff should set an example for students, encouraging and emphasising attendance and punctuality.

Our aim is to ensure all children can access equitable educational outcomes. Monitoring of school attendance enables identification of students at risk and the early implementation of intervention strategies. We believe the early detection and assessment of the causes of school non-attendance and the provision of organisational structures, which are responsive to the needs of students, are vital.

All members of the school community are expected to meet the requirements of attendance and work to the best of their ability and skill as consistently as possible.

STUDENT attendance is everyone's business.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

A child who is at least six years old but not yet seventeen is on compulsory school age, irrespective of distance from the school or whether the student has a disability or not. These students are required to be enrolled at a registered or non-government school and must attend the school on every instruction is provided at the school for the child, unless the Minister has granted an exemption from school attendance.

The implementation of the Compulsory Education Legislation (2009) requires all young people between the ages of 6 and 17 to participate in a full-time approved learning program, which is education or training delivered through a school, university or registered training organisation, an apprenticeship or traineeship, or a combination of these.

The primary responsibility for meeting this legal requirement rests with the parent/caregiver. The responsibility for enforcing school attendance is with the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) The Department therefore has the legal responsibility to record and monitor attendance and take appropriate action to rectify problems of non-attendance.