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Archway School has a duty to monitor the operation and effectiveness of policies. Designated authority: Governors' Welfare and Discipline Committee



Attendance Policy

The Education Act 1996 requires parents or carers to ensure their children receive full time education by regular attendance at a school or by other arrangements. Parents have a legal responsibility for making sure their children attend school and on time. The school is responsible for recording student attendance twice a day, once at the start of the morning session and once during the afternoon session.

Aims

Archway School seeks to ensure that all its students receive a full-time education to maximise their educational and social opportunities, and to achieve their full potential.

At Archway School we expect students to attend every day that the school is open, unless a reason acceptable to the school is given and we are able to authorise the absence.

The school strives to provide a welcoming, caring environment in which students feel wanted and secure and, thereby, want to come to school.

All staff will work to ensure students attend school regularly and punctually and will endeavour to achieve the annual attendance target set each year

To achieve these aims the school will:

- Make attendance and punctuality a priority for all members of the school's community.
- Ensure all teachers will use Lesson Monitor every lesson.
- Ensure and monitor that all staff adhere to the roles and responsibilities and promote consistency in carrying out designated tasks.
- Promote attendance and punctuality by ensuring the system of rewards and sanctions, as laid out in the school's Disruption Free Learning system, are consistently applied. See Disruption Free Learning handbook.
- The school will only authorise absence in term time under exceptional circumstances.
- Recognise the individual needs of students who have had difficulties with attendance and punctuality or who have had significant periods of absence. Investigate potential reasons for difficulties with attendance and seek to support individuals.
- Ensure there is positive and consistent communication between home and school.
- Promote effective partnerships with the Education Welfare Officer and other agencies.

Archway School has a duty to monitor the effectiveness of the Attendance Policy within the school. The operation and effectiveness of the policy will be monitored by the Governors' Welfare and Discipline Committee at least annually. This policy needs to be read in conjunction with Gloucestershire County Council's guidelines: The Legal Process for Non-attendance at School Guideline 2017 and The Penalty Notice Code of Conduct Guideline 2019.

Responsibilities

Governors
Headteacher
Senior Leadership Team
Heads of Department and Year
All teaching and support staff
All students and their parents/carers
School Welfare & Attendance Officer

Further References

Attendance Policy Appendix
Disruption Free Learning handbook
Staff handbook
Student planner
Safeguarding Children Policy
Equalities Policy
The Legal Process for Non-attendance at School – LA guideline 2013
The Penalty Notice Code of Conduct - LA guidelines 2013
Interventions for Attendance