

# Salisbury Kindergarten Attendance Policy

Regular attendance at kindergarten is important for children's learning and their ability to develop relationships with adults and their peers. Research shows that participating in a quality preschool program can significantly increase positive education and life outcomes for children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

To support children and families we will:

- Remind families during enrolment and in the information handbook that although attending kindergarten is not compulsory, we recommend and encourage regular attendance.
- Ask parents/caregivers to inform us if and when their child is going to be absent.
- Ask parent/caregivers to notify us if their child has a communicable disease so that we can inform other families in the community.
- Record absences on the daily attendance register and maintain sign in and out sheets.
- Work with other agencies to provide support for children requiring early entry, speech therapy, preschool support, bilingual support and extended transition to school.
- Ensure regular attendance at kindergarten is a shared responsibility between parents/caregivers and the kindergarten.