

CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND POLICY

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1. Purpose

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs.
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

3. The responsibilities of the school

As an independent school it is our responsibility to meet the needs of every child. If at any point we feel we can no longer meet their needs. We will inform the local authority with immediate effect. However, before deciding to end the placement – we will endeavour to do every within our reasonable means (resources are used effectively, without affecting the needs of others) to continue to support the child.

3.1. If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

3.2. If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the placing authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

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- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil.
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required.
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully.

When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:

- Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible.
- Enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school).
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school.
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.