

# Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy



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### 1. Aims

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 in cases when this education is being provided by the local authority.

### 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

We will consult local authority's guidance on providing education to children with additional health needs, to see what responsibilities it places on school for each given circumstance.

#### 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.

- The Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion with the Headteacher of the school will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- To support the child, the school will arrange sending work of home, or support with a hospital school.
- The parents and children will be kept informed about these arrangements at least weekly by the class teacher.
- The reintegrate of pupils back into school will be in consultation with the medical professional and families concerned.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

- All 'suitable' arrangements will be agreed with all agencies concerned and the child's family.
- The period of time the child is absent from school will be reviewed regularly (at least weekly) with the family and medical or other agencies working with the family.
- The process for referring a child to the local authority will be at the discretion of the Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion in consultation with the headteacher.

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

- 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.

### 4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Assistant Headteacher Inclusion. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

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### 5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan.
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions.