**Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy**

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# 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 when this education is being provided by the local authority.

# Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/19).

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment

It also based on guidance provided by the local authority. The county council has the overall responsibility for the education of children with health and medical needs who cannot attend school but they will work with our Academies to ensure that the educational needs of the child are met.

# The responsibilities of the school

The Academy will work with the local authority in the best interests of the student.

* 1. If the school makes the arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. These may include:

* Appointing a key point of contact (usually the Pastoral Lead);
* Arrangements around work will depend on each individual situation;
* Work could be sent home, supervised remotely, through an online learning platform, etc.;
* Parents/Carers will be consulted on a regular basis either through phone calls, meetings/email etc.;
* Reintegration of a student will be discussed with parents/carers and be planned and appropriate to the needs of the individual.
	1. If the local authority makes the arrangements

If the school can’t make suitable arrangements, the Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. Each Local Authority will have its own process and we will work with them to ensure that the pupil’s needs are being met.

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 emails, invitations to school, or internet links to lesson content from their school)
* Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
* Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

# Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually.

At every review, it will be approved by The Board

# Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

* Accessibility plan
* Supporting pupils with medical conditions