

Policy for children with health needs who cannot attend school

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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 when this education is being provided by the local authority

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

For further information/ enquiries contact: Hampshire County Council Inclusion Support Service, 1st Floor, Elizabeth II Court North, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

3. Responsibilities of the school

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.

With discussion with parent and carers and taking advice from health care professionals we will;

- Assign a member of staff to take responsibility for making and monitoring these arrangements. This member of staff will be the point of contact.
- Arrangements will consider work, how this is set, the collection of work and how feedback will be given.
- Work with the pupils to support and reintegrate pupils back into school.

3.2 If the Local Authority makes arrangements:

If the school is unable to make arrangements, Hampshire County Council Inclusion Support Services will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

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, the school will 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 Deputy Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility policy
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions