



Children with Health Needs who cannot attend school Policy

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Review Procedures

This Policy will be reviewed regularly and revised as necessary. Any amendments required to be made to the Policy as a result of a review will be presented to the Board of Trustees for acceptance.

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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.

It is also based on guidance provided by the local authority.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-attendance/children-with-long-term-illness>

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

Responsibilities of the school

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

- The SENCO/Inclusion Manager in our schools will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Arrangements could include home tuition, education at a local centre or education in hospital
- Full consultation with parents and pupils about these arrangements will take place
- Reintegration of pupils back into school will be achieved as when possible/appropriate

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

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school and trust 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

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually and will be approved by the full board of trustees.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- First Aid and Administration of Medicines Policy
- Control of Infections Policy