



Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy (statutory)

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](#).

The responsibilities of the school

If the school makes arrangements:

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

The Deputy Head will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements, including coordinating work to be sent home and to hospital schools and, where parents are available, will meet to consult parents and pupils about these arrangements. On return to school, there will be a reintegration meeting so that any additional supportive measures can be put in place, such as a phased return.

The class teacher will keep in regular contact with the pupil, at least weekly. They will arrange for regular class communications to be sent to the pupil. These may take the form of a letter, card, a short video or an audio message. Where possible, the child will be invited to participate in a school-based activity each week, via MS Teams. Other members of staff will be encouraged to support the inclusion of the pupil in the daily life of School.

If the local authority makes arrangements:

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Wokingham Borough Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. In this case, 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.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Deputy Head. At each review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following documents:

- Accessibility Plan;
- Supporting pupils with Medical Conditions;
- SEND Policy;
- Individual Educational and Healthcare Plans.

History

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26/04/21	Version 1	Policy produced by Julieanne Taylor, Headteacher.
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