



Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School

November 2024

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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, where this is not an illness which would normally result in absence from school;
- 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. It also based on guidance provided by our [local authority](#).

3. The 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.

Phil Corrigan (SENDCo) is responsible for making arrangements for delivering a high-quality education package for the child in conjunction with the class teacher. Arrangements that could be made include: sending work home, sending videos of lessons, providing equipment required for the children to continue learning at home and co-ordinate with outside agencies, such as hospital schools, to ensure education can continue where possible.

All arrangements will be created with parents and children and will be reviewed weekly. When the child is healthy and it is medically safe for them to return to school, a transition plan will be created with parents and the child to re-integrate the child back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Nottinghamshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. School will complete a referral form to the Health-Related Education Team (HRET). This will be arranged if the child would need to be absent from school for more than 15 school days (3 weeks) and sent with an accompanying letter from the child's Consultant or Community Paediatrician.

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 Phil Corrigan (SENDCO). At every review, it will be shared with the Link Governor, Lizzie Allsop.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies :

- Accessibility plan
- First Aid Policy
- Administration of medication and Medical Conditions Policy
- SEND information report