

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy



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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](#).

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.

You may want to add more details on areas such as:

- The child's class teacher will provide a pack of work to be sent home - a mix of hard copies and activities to do online
- Work sent home will be regularly reviewed and there will be continual consultation with the child's family to make sure the work is not only a match for work being completed by peers but also pertinent for that child's circumstances at the time.
- We will re integrate pupils back into school through careful consideration with the pupil and their family-for example we may use a part time table or look at what the most suitable activities might be ie not PE first of all etc.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements,Suffolk LA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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 the Teaching and Learning committee. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board usually in the safeguarding cycle during the Autumn term.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
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