

Policy for Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Badgerbrook Primary 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.

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disability/education-and-childcare/education-for-children-with-medical-needs>

And also the government:

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

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.

The Headteacher is responsible for the education and wellbeing of any children with health needs who cannot attend school.

The school will make arrangements best suited to the circumstances of the child, these might include: an adapted timetable, sending/emailing work home, remote/blended learning, making use of hospital schools

All arrangements for the provision of education will be made in consultation with the child (if of a suitable age), the parents/carers/guardians and the medical team.

The aim, in all cases, is to reintegrate children back into school as soon as they are fit to do so. Transition arrangements might include: home visits from key staff, part time timetables, supported home lessons, support in lessons from a member of support staff

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Leicestershire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

The suitability of arrangements made for a child with health needs who cannot attend school are agreed on a case by case basis. Decisions are made in consultation with the Local Authority, the child (if of a suitable age), the parents/carers/ guardians and the medical team.

Where the absence is likely to be 15 days or more the Headteacher will make contact with the Local Authority Inclusion Service Team.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/inclusion-service/get%2C%A0advice-or-make-a-referral%2C%A0to-the-inclusion-service>

This team will support the school to co-ordinate the necessary arrangements for the child to receive an education whilst they are too ill to attend school.

The Local Authority may arrange education outside school which may include:

- Home tuition
- Access to a hospital school
- A 'virtual' school or
- Any combination depending on the needs of the child

Where education is provided outside of school, the family will have access to an education officer who will help co-ordinate the education and work with the school, health and other agencies to re-integrate the child back into school.

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 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 plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEND policy

This policy was approved by the Governing Body in November 2020, reviewed in November 2021 and will be reviewed and approved annually.

Signed: 

Date: 17 November 2021

Chair of Governors