

John 10:10 – 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.
Inspired by John 10:10, we strive for all members of our community to learn and live
'Life in all its Fullness'.

Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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 statutory guidance for local authorities, provided by the Department for Education: *Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs (January 2013)*.

Responsibilities of the school

a. 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. These arrangements will be coordinated by the Headteacher and Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo) and may include work provided to complete at home or in hospital schools. When well, the pupil will be reintegrated into school in consultation with parents. A reduced timetable may be offered to support the reintegration. School may request additional support and advice from external agencies.

b. If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Hampshire Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils. 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

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every two years. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) policy