

Children with health needs who cannot attend 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/carers 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](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/56/section/19).

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority. <https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=cwhbuUNF4cc#:~:text=Local%20authorities%20are%20responsible%20for,suitable%20education%20without%20such%20provision>.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

# 3. Responsibilities of the school

Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on the Local Academy committees to make arrangements for supporting pupils at their school with medical conditions.

In meeting the duty, the Local Academy Committee must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under this section. Section 100 came into force on 1 September 2014.

The Local Academy Committee should ensure that the school’s policy clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the arrangements they make to support all pupils at school with medical conditions.

## Key points:

* Pupils at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.
* Governing bodies must ensure that arrangements are in place in schools to support pupils at school with medical conditions.
* Governing bodies should ensure that school leaders consult health and social care professionals, pupils and parent/carers to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are effectively supported.

3.1 If the school makes the 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:

* Initially the class teacher will be responsible for providing work for the child via class dojo.
* Work will be sent home on a weekly basis and parents can communicate with the class teacher vis class dojo if they need more work or would like the work adapted.
* Prior to the child returning to school the class teacher and SENDCo will arrange a meeting with parents to discuss the best way to phase the pupil back into the school environment.

3.2 If the local authority makes the arrangements

If the school can’t make suitable arrangements, The child’s local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils. The school will liaise with the Local Authorty as follows;

* Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers 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 Local Academy Committee. 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