

CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS THAT CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL

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UPDATES

3.1	Responsibilities of the school	Text added: This may be through a range of methods such as sending work home and/or remote learning.
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		The school will again, work closely with parents/carers and appropriate external healthcare professionals to ensure a smooth transition back into face to face education.
3.2	Responsibilities of the school	Local Authority named as Essex County Council
4	Monitoring Arrangements	Trustees will review this document annually

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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.

It is also based on guidance provided by the local authority.

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

Responsibilities of the school

3.1 If the school makes the arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make the arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

This may be through a range of methods such as sending work home and/or remote learning.

The school will work closely with parents/carers to ensure that a suitable plan is formulated for the child.

The school will again, work closely with parents/carers and appropriate external healthcare professionals to ensure a smooth transition back into face to face education.

3.2 If the local authority makes the arrangements

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

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school and trust will:

- 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

Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Trustees. At every review, it will be approved by the full board of trustees.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions