

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

OAK HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Jesus said, 'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'

(John 10:10)

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1. Aims

This document aims to provide information on:

- How we support children with health needs who cannot attend school
- How suitable education is arranged for pupils who cannot attend school due to health needs
- How we support pupils, staff and parents when this education is being provided by the local authority, such as hospital education

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#) which states when children and young people are unable to continue at school because of illness, Local Education Authorities must provide them with 'suitable education' for example in a hospital school or in home tuition.

Suitable education refers to efficient education suitable to the child or young person's age, ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs he may have.

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority, Gloucestershire County Council which is reviewed alongside this policy and published on the school's website in the [Policies section](#)

3. 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.

It is the responsibility of the school to continue to provide education for a pupil who can access school with adjustments even if these are significant adjustments (often determined through a MyPlan+ or EHCP process). Support in the home is only provided due to the medical needs of the child and cannot be due to school not making appropriate adjustments to keep a child in school, if they could be there with the appropriate adjustments

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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. 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