



Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School

Policy

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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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

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

The government has issued Statutory Guidance called "[Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#)" (May 2013).

If your child, of compulsory school age, is too ill to attend school, the Local Authority must arrange suitable full time education (or as much education as the child's health allows). The Local Authority should attempt to arrange this as soon as it is clear that the child will be away from school for more than 15 school days (consecutively or cumulatively), although there is no statutory timeframe. For long term medical conditions, education can be provided at home or at hospital.

If Crompton Primary 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 Special Educational Needs Coordinator and Class Teacher will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.

Crompton Primary will 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)

Provision may include additional paper based work with required resources, online learning with flexible support and signposting to further learning opportunities.

Parents and Carers will be consulted with regards best possible outcomes and liaison between home and school will be frequent.

Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school

Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Oldham LA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. Crompton Primary would liaise with the LA and Kingsland School in order to access that service.

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
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Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Mrs L Beaumont (Head Teacher). At every review, it will be approved by the governing board via it's Curriculum, Standards and Staffing Committee

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Supporting pupils with medical conditions

SEND policy

Online learning policy