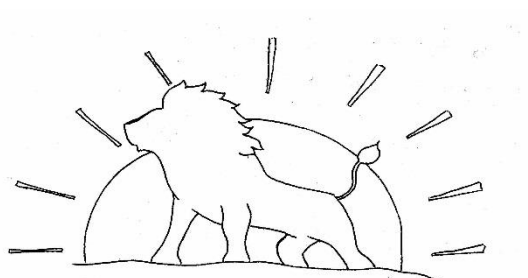


Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

Northwick Park MAT



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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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

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

3. The responsibilities of the school

THE Local Authority (ECC) takes guidance from the 2013 DFE document 'Ensuring a Good Education for Children who Cannot Attend School Because of Health Reasons'. The Local Authority expects parents/carers, schools and pupils to work together to ensure the best outcomes for pupils.

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, such as:

- The SENCOs/Head of School & Executive Headteacher will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Arrangements may be made in regard to provision (e.g. sending work home, hospital schools etc)
- Parents/Carers and children will be updated regularly about these arrangements
- An reintegrated package of support will be put in place to guide pupils back into school

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, ECC will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. The local authority would take over responsibility, such as:

- Deciding if arrangements are 'suitable'
- The amount of days a child would need to be absent from school
- The process for referring a child to the local authority

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school 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

4. Monitoring arrangements

Emma Lane, Executive Headteacher, will review this policy annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Trust Directors.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEN Policy