

# Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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# 1 Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, staff and parents 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](#).

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

## 3 The responsibilities of the school

Students at school with medical conditions should be properly supported so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.

Trustees must ensure that arrangements are in place to support students at school with medical conditions.

Trustees should ensure that school leaders consult health and social care professionals, students, and parents/carers to ensure that the needs of children with medical conditions are properly understood and effectively supported.

Please refer to the following policy documents:

Department for Education (2014, update 2017) Supporting children at school with medical conditions

[Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/611112/Supporting_pupils_at_school_with_medical_conditions.pdf)

### 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.

- The first point of contact will always be the form tutor. The form tutor will work with the student and parents/carers along with the Performance Leader. If additional support is required, assistance can always be sought from the Inclusion Team.
- A wide range of support can be offered which will be tailored to specific needs of the individual student.
- An open dialogue will be maintained with all parties and arrangements will be reviewed regularly,
- Every effort will be made to reintegrate the student as soon as possible.

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

Please refer to the following policy document:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/local-offer/Downloads/policy-for-pupils-with-medical-needs%20West%20%28accessible%29.pdf>

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 student
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the student 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 student to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
- Enable the student 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 Lisa West, assistant principal. At every review, it will be approved by the trust board.

## 5 Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting students with medical conditions