



Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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SECTION 1: AIMS

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend the academy due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the academy is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

SECTION 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.

SECTION 3: THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACADEMY

Our academies are required by law to make arrangements for supporting pupils at the academy with medical conditions. This duty is detailed in Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014 (1) and statutory guidance entitled Supporting pupils at academy with medical conditions (2) has been produced by the Department for Education in order to assist academies to understand and comply with this legislation.

3.1 If the academy makes arrangements

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

Depending on the nature and severity of the illness and the expected length of time away from academy, arrangements put in place by the academy may include:

- Setting work on the academy's Managed Learning Environment, for the child to complete at home
- Checking-in phone calls from a key member of the pastoral/inclusion teams
- A home/hospital visit
- Support for the parents/carers of the child
- A reintegration plan involving our Student Development Centre
- Tailored academic support to assist the child's reintegration to classroom learning

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the academy can't make suitable arrangements, the local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. This would ordinarily be the case if a child is away from academy for 15 days or more, whether consecutive or cumulative.

Liaison between the SENDCO and the local authority will ensure that they become aware of their duty towards a given child, who cannot attend academy because of illness. The provision put in place by the local authority must be full-time (subject to the child's health making this possible); it should be of good quality and should address the needs of individual children in arranging provision.

- Ongoing liaison between the academy and the local authority will ensure that the academy are confident in the quality of the provision being delivered by the local authority.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the academy 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 academy successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the academy, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in academy as far as

possible

- Enable the pupil to stay in touch with academy life (e.g. through emails, invitations to academy events or internet links to lessons from their academy)
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to academy
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

SECTION 4: MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed annually by Gary Aubin, Trust Director of SEND. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

SECTION 5: LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEN Information Report