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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 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

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

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to plan to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

The persons responsible for making and monitoring the arrangements are the senior pedagogical leadership teams in the Primary and Secondary schools.

Arrangements include ensuring that the pupil has access to work set by class and subject teachers via google classroom or sending work home or to hospital schools. Wherever possible online meetings and virtual class contact will be established by class teachers, especially in the case of any virtual events.

In the case of hospital schools, it will be important for a meeting to discuss the curriculum followed by the school.

It will also be important to maintain regular contact with parents and children to monitor these arrangements and hold a meeting concerning reintegration back into school which might involve a staggered start to facilitate the transition. The pupil and their parents/carers will continue to receive all school information and news unless requested not to.

Furthermore, the school will work to maintain contacts with other pupils in the school to aid any reintegration. Depending on the age of the pupil, the school will aim to maintain all extra support such as revision sessions, careers services, and educational visits. etc.

A general good practice is derived from [DfE guidance](#).

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. This may be in the case that after six weeks, the school is unable to contact or engage with parents/carers.

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 by the Principal. 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