

The Hamble School

Policy for Children with Healthcare Needs who Cannot Attend School

1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils 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 and The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.

The policy is based on the following statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE):

- Alternative provision
- Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school

This policy also follows guidance provided by our local authority.

For further information/ enquiries, contact: Inclusion Support Service, 1st Floor, Elizabeth II Court North, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG.

3. The responsibilities of the school

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.

With discussion with parent and carers and taking advice from health care professionals, we will:

- Assign a member of staff to take responsibility for making and monitoring these arrangements. This member of staff will be the point of contact.
- Arrangements will consider, where reasonable and appropriate, how work is set, the collection of work and how feedback will be given.
- Work with the student to support and reintegrate them into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Hampshire Inclusion Support Services will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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 student is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated 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 the Deputy Headteacher and will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Equalities Policies
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

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