



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
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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 students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, 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.

3. The Responsibilities of the School

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver a suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. The person responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements is the Headteacher and/or the Deputy Headteacher and SENCO in close communication with the class teacher. The arrangements may be sending work home, sending work to hospital schools or an agreed part time timetable (in which case County will be informed). We will consult with parents/carers and the appropriate professional about these arrangements; often the school nurse will be involved in this process and an Individual Health Care Plan is completed. We will work closely with the parents/carers or organisations to ensure that the reintegration back into school is appropriate for the student.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, they will contact Hampshire Local Education Authority and request they will become responsible for arranging an education for these children. This will usually be when the child needs a tutor because they are experiencing an extended period away from school and the school cannot meet the need of the child. School will complete a form for the Inclusion Support Service.

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 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 the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the local governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions