

Canon Peter Hall CE Primary School



Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School

Proverbs 22:6 *Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

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Summary of Changes from Previous Version

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V1	May 2023	Nicky Bailey	Complete re-write using template from 'The Key'

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

The LAAT aims to support the Local Authority and ensure that all students who are unable to attend school due to medical needs, and who would not receive suitable education without such provision, continue to have access to as full an education as their medical condition allows, to enable them to reach their full potential.

Due to the nature of their health needs, some pupils may be admitted to hospital or placed in alternative forms of education provision. We recognise that, whenever possible, pupils should receive their education within their school and the aim of the provision will be to reintegrate students back into school as soon as they are well enough. Where this is not possible, we will work to provide an appropriate level of education remotely while alternative provision is established.

We understand that we have a continuing role in a pupil's education whilst they are not attending the school and will work with LA, healthcare partners and families to ensure that all students with medical needs receive the right level of support to enable them to maintain links with their education.

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.

This policy operates in conjunction with the following Trust policies:

- Attendance Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Supporting Students with Medical Conditions Policy

3. Responsibilities of the school

The school will follow the Department for Education and Local Authority guidance. The school will provide relevant resources/information for any child absent from school as a result of a medical condition, where this is appropriate in discussion with parents/carers.

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.

These arrangements will include:

- The Headteacher/SENCO will liaise with the parents/carers to make the necessary arrangements and discuss appropriate education to be delivered.
- The Class Teacher will be responsible for providing materials whether online or paper
- The Headteacher/SENCO will be responsible for monitoring the provision of the educational arrangements, and for arranging any reintegration as necessary for the child upon their return to school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

As soon as it is clear that a child will be away from school for 15 days or more, whether consecutive or cumulative, it is the responsibility of the Local Authority to arrange appropriate provision.

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, the school will 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.