Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure:

- A good education for children who cannot attend school because of 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.

It is also based on guidance provided by the local authority. A link to the guidance is available in Appendix 1 .

This policy complies with CLT's funding and articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the school

Please refer to Appendix 1.

DfE guidance.

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.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for further details.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, your local authority and their representative will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. For further details about how and when your local authority would take over responsibility please refer to Appendix 1.

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 board of Trustees. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the name of the person responsible for completing the school specific information.

5. Links to other policies

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Appendix 1

Appendix 1: School Specific Information and checklist - All schools **MUST** complete this page

Please complete the table below with your school specific information.

(2) Link to Local Authority Guidance	Insert link here
(3) The responsibilities of the school.	Check the local authorities guidance on providing education to children with additional health needs.
(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.	**Add more detail on areas such as:** ● Who in your school will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements. ● What sort of arrangements could be made (e.g. sending work home, hospital schools). ● How you'll consult parents and children about these arrangements ● How you'll reintegrate pupils back into school.
(3.2) If the local authority makes arrangements. If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the local authority and their representative will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.	**The local authority for (insert school name) is (insert local authority name).** **Add more details about how and when (insert local authority name) would take over responsibility, such as:** ● How it would be decided if arrangements are "suitable" ● How many days a child would need to be absent from school ● The process for referring a child to the local authority
(4) Monitoring arrangements This policy is subject to annual approval by the Board of Trustees. Schools are responsible for completing their school specific information.	Add the name of the person responsible here
(5) Links to other policies **This policy links to the following policies:**	Accessibility Plan Supporting pupils with medical conditions Add any other relevant policies you have