



Resilience Empathy Self-Awareness Positivity Excellence Communication Teamwork

Children with health needs who cannot attend school Policy

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This Policy for Children with health needs who cannot attend school has been formulated by Staff and Governors of the School to support the aims of the School. In particular, the children in our care will be happy, confident and independent who will contribute to the Local Community. This policy will also embody our aim to use our RESPECT characteristics to promote positive relationships, experiences and behaviour with a calm and consistent approach. The effectiveness of these policies will be reviewed on a regular basis by Staff and Governors to ensure they continue to support our aims. We aim to promote these policies across the Community in order to ensure that they are living documents which support us in our everyday work

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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.

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

3. 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.

- The class teacher and Headteacher will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Arrangements will be made for online working, or sending work home or liaising with hospital schools.
- The Headteacher will consult parents and pupils about these arrangements
- Pupils will be integrated back into school with the full support of parents and school pastoral support

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Northumberland County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

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 Headteacher and governors. 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