



Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

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BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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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](#).

3. Responsibilities of the school

The following responsibilities are derived from the general good practice outlined in the [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.

- The attendance office will be responsible for liaising with the family and relevant deputy headteacher and Year Group Leader in order to make and monitor arrangements
- Arrangements will be made according to the child's current medical condition and reasonable expectation of the school and teachers. For example, work may be sent home, uploaded to Purple Mash or liaison with hospital staff
- School will consult parents/carers and pupils about these arrangements via phone or emails
- School will work closely with parents/carers and medical professionals to plan reintegration pupils back into school

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, it will liaise with Redbridge LA to seek advice on 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. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions