

Learning Together for Life

Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you' John 15:12, New Testament

Stepney Greencoat

Church of England Primary School



Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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Our practice in relation to caring for and educating children with medical needs is reflective of Jesus' teaching to 'Love one another as I have loved you' John 15:12, New Testament ('Injil').

Learning: As a school we have a strong commitment to everyone as a learner and this is particularly the case for staff as learners in relation to the health needs and education needs of pupils. We provide regular medical training and updates for all our staff.

Together: We recognise the need to work closely together, both as a school and with outside agencies to ensure that all our pupils are provided with a suitable education.

Life: Our policy is built upon consistency of provision of education and successful reintegration back into school as we understand the importance children achieving their full potential throughout life.

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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 in accordance with the Department for Education statutory guidance 'Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs, 2013' and 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 suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

- A member of the Inclusion Team will liaise with the family weekly and co-ordinate work with class teachers.

- Online work will be provided as an immediate response and where IT access is an issue work packs will be collected and handed to the family.
- A member of the Inclusion Team will liaise with the family regarding a student completing work if they are hospitalised and establish if the hospital is providing access to their education provision.
- When a student is ready to be re-integrated back to school a review meeting will be set up to discuss a Health Care Plan and review any amendments to the timetable.
- If attendance falls below 90% and if appropriate the school will make a referral to our Attendance and Welfare Advisor to support the family.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Education Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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 Lorraine Crowe, Welfare Lead. 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
- Attendance Policy