



Children with Health Needs who cannot attend School Procedure

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Reviewed by: SENDCO

Member of the school Senior Leadership Team

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**This procedure was created with the St John & St Francis Church School and governors.
The views of parents were considered when writing this procedure.**



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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

1. Aims

This procedure 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 procedure reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also 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. This will be the responsibility of Headteacher in co-operation with the pupil's class teacher. Arrangements will be made to send work home via Teams accounts or paper copies will be sent home. Parents will be contacted by the school to discuss how work will be set and to organise the pupil's reintegration back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements:

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Somerset Council 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 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 procedure will be reviewed annually by SENDCO. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing committee.

(The DfE advises that you review this procedure annually, in its [list of statutory policies](#).)

5. Links to other policies

This procedure links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions