

# Sunning Hill Primary School



## Children with health needs who cannot attend school Policy

**May 2024**

***Linked Documents:*** *Safeguarding Policy, Child Protection Policy, Behaviour Policy, Home School Agreement. KCSiE 2023*

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## Children with health needs who cannot attend school POLICY

### **General 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

### **Legislation and guidance**

This policy is based on the following legislation:

[The Education Act 1996](#)

[The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

It is also based on the following statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE):

[Alternative provision](#)

[Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#)

### **The responsibilities of the school**

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. The exact delivery will be decided by the Headteacher and/or Assistant Headteacher (SENCO) and in consultation with parents.

Delivery of education could be through:

- Remote learning
- Sending work home
- Liaising with Hospital schools
- The class teacher will be responsible for making the arrangements.
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team will monitor the arrangements.
- Learning will take the form of paper-based and/or ICT based resources.
- The class teacher will consult parents/carers on a regular basis to discuss the arrangements in place and any additional support.
- A meeting will be held between the pupil, the Headteacher, the class teacher and the parents when the pupil is ready to return to school, to discuss any adjustments that need to be made and the mental health of the pupil.
- Regular reviews will be arranged to determine whether the child is well enough to engage with learning tasks and the quantity / type of learning. If adaptations can be made these will be discussed between the class teacher, child and parents.

The school's SENCO will keep in regular contact with family to ensure they are supported and the class teacher will provide fortnightly calls (if appropriate). If a child is absent from school for a significant period of time (4 weeks+), where appropriate, school will ensure children are able to communicate with their friends. This could be via letter, video or telephone call and/or a short visit. When the child returns to school a tailored reintegration plan will be written and consideration of whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

### **Local authority arrangements**

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Bolton Local 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)

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- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

The Local Authority guidance can be accessed here [Education of pupils with medical needs – Bolton Council](#)  
there is also a separate NHS policy that identifies the Core Duties of the Local Authority  
<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/downloads/file/5667/medical-policy>

***Our school aims to support all families and the wider community. Any queries or concerns regarding individual policies will be considered on an individual basis.***