



## Children with health needs who cannot attend school Policy

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## **1. Aims**

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend the academy due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the academy 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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority. This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

## **3. The responsibilities of the academy**

The academy is required by law to ensure arrangements for supporting pupils who have medical conditions that prevent them from attending the academy. There is also a requirement that consultations take place with pupils and parent/carers, health and social care professionals to ensure that the educational needs of the pupil are being met.

### **3.1 If the academy makes arrangements**

Initially, the academy will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend the academy.

This may include:

- The class teacher sending work home
- The academy SENDCo liaising with hospital school, if this is appropriate

### **3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements**

If the academy can't make suitable arrangements, the relevant local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

The local authority's Medical Needs Team is a group of experienced teachers who with schools and parents/cares of a child or young person to give a balanced curriculum, with the main focus on English, Mathematics and Science. All curricular planning and resources are provided by the academy.

They will give regular support and teaching appropriate to the pupil's needs. This will be at a suitable venue, which can be:

- At home
- Within an academy or centre
- Within hospital

Regular review meetings will be arranged and include the academy and parents/carers of the pupil. These will usually be informal, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time related) target meetings.

More information is available at:

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/schools-and-children/parental-support/children-medical-needs>

[Education for young people who are too ill to attend school | Education for excluded children and those who cannot attend school \(Alternative Provision - AP\) | Kirklees SEND Local Offer \(kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk\)](#)

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the academy 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 the academy 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 the academy as far as possible
  - Enable the pupil to stay in touch with academy life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to academy events or internet links to lessons from their academy)
  - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to the academy
  - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

#### **4. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Trust. At every review, it will be approved by the full Trust Board.

#### **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

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