



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 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 also based on services provided by our local authority. <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/special-educational-needs/education-children-young-people-medical-needs>

3. Responsibilities of the school

When children and young people are unable to attend school due to medical reasons, there is support available to enable the student to continue to receive education, either within school or in the home or hospital environment, as appropriate.

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.

- Heads of Year will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- This is likely to include work being sent home/set on teams. This work will be marked, and feedback given.
- Parents will be invited into to school to discuss the arrangements for completing work
- Students' reintegration will be carefully considered and looked at on a case-by-case basis. A reduced timetable is likely to be put in place after long term absence.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, [Bromley Local Authority] will become responsible for 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



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- 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 [Ben Jones/Assistant Head Teacher]. 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