

Policy for supporting pupils with health needs who are unable to attend school



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

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This policy must be read in conjunction with policies on Asthma, Administration of Medicines, Health and Safety, Educational Visits, and Child Protection, Special Educational Needs, Sun Protection, Intimate Care and Drugs.	
This policy has been updated to reflect the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018, and it supersedes the HM Government Information Sharing Guidance for Practitioners and Managers published in March 2015.	

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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 guidance provided by our local authority.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. 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. The Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo) is responsible for making and monitoring arrangements for pupils to access education.

Possible options for educating pupils outside of school are accessing the hospital school, if the child is an inpatient, sending work home set by the class teacher, accessing CAMH medical tuition if the pupil's hospital confirms in writing that they are unable to attend school but they are living at home.

These arrangements will be made by the SENDCo, parents and medical professionals.

Monitoring will be conducted weekly or fortnightly, as agreed by those involved by the SENDCo. Pupils will be reintegrated into school at the earliest possible stage on a staggered timetable if necessary. They will have the necessary pastoral care in place to support them and their families wellbeing during this time.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Luton Borough Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- If a child is away from school for 15 days and the hospital have provided written confirmation that the pupil cannot attend school, a referral to CAMH can be made to Luton Borough Council by completing a referral form.

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 the SENDCo. 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