

<b>School Policy for:</b>	Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy		
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## 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](#).

### 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.

- Laura Goodhead will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Access to the curriculum will be facilitated via Google Classroom, arranging access to a suitable device (if required), access to paper-based copies of work to be collected by a parent / sibling or posted home if required.
- We will consult parents and children about these arrangements. The Attendance Officer / Year Leader will make contact to establish how best to facilitate delivery of the curriculum and obtain medical evidence to authorise absence.
- The Compliance Officer, in conjunction with Year Leaders and Attendance Officer will consult with parents on reintegration back into school including any accessibility arrangements.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

<https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/service.page?id=P36vViUT1ms>

- HRET would be responsible for deciding if arrangements are 'suitable', how many days a child would need to be absent from school.

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 Laura Goodhead (Assistant Headteacher). 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