

Southill Primary School



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/carers 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

For a full overview of the role of all maintained schools, please visit.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/657995f0254aaa000d050bff/Arranging_education_for_children_who_cannot_attend_school_because_of_health_needs.pdf

3.1 If the school makes the arrangements

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

- The Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring that all children who are not able to attend school are suitably supported with their education.
- The Headteacher will manage situations that arise on a 'case by case basis' and they will ensure that appropriate work is provided (e.g. sending work home, hospital schools)

3.2 If the local authority makes the arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Dorset Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

- A decision will be made through discussions with the relevant family, the Headteacher and DC
- A set time absent from school is not in place as the situation will be managed on a case-by-case basis. It would however be the school's opinion that an extended absence of more than four weeks may mean appropriate decision making by DCC

In cases where the local authority makes the arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers 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 Headteacher and the school's governing body.