

Howes 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 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

Howes Primary School adheres to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

3.1 Making Arrangements

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

- The Headteacher/Assistant Headteachers will be responsible for making the arrangements
- The school will liaise with the Local Authority
- Work will be sent home to the family and staff will liaise with the hospital school which may be in paper form or through digital platforms.
- Parents and the child will be contacted on a weekly basis to keep in touch and monitor progress
- A zoom meeting will be held every four weeks with the parents and the child
- When the child is able to return to school a reintegration timetable will be agreed by staff, parents and medical professionals

3.2 If the Local Authority makes Arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Coventry Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- School will liaise with the Local Authority over any arrangements being made



- School would seek advice on when the policy starts due to days absence

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 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

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