

# Quinton 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
- Suitable reintegration of the student into school when their health allows

## 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of, but is not limited to, the Education Act 1996.

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

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

## 3. Roles & Responsibilities

### 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.

- SENDCo/Learning Support Lead will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements, (e.g. sending work home, hospital schools, liaising with Flexible Learning Team and other agencies).
- SENDCo/Learning Support Lead will consult parents and children about these arrangements
- SENDCo/Learning Support Lead will create IHP to help reintegrate pupils back into school

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements Warwickshire LA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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
- Consult with the pupil, their parents and key staff about concerns, medical issues, timing and the preferred pace of return if a gradual reintegration over a long period of time is required

### **3.3 Expectations of Parents**

- Ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their child at the school where possible.
- Work in partnership with the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for their child.
- Notify the school of the reason for any of their child's absences as early as possible.
- Provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs.

## **4. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually by SENDCo/Learning Support Lead. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

## **5. Information Sharing**

- It is essential that all information about pupils with health needs is kept up-to-date.
- To protect confidentiality, all information-sharing techniques, e.g. staff noticeboards, will be agreed with the parent in advance of being used.
- All teachers, TAs, supply and support staff will be provided with access to relevant information, including high-risk health needs, first aiders and emergency procedures, via the agreed Academy procedures.
- Parents will be made aware of their own rights and responsibilities regarding confidentiality and information sharing. To help achieve this, the school will: -
  - Ensure this policy and other relevant policies are easily available and accessible.
  - Provide the parents with a copy of the policy on information sharing.
  - Ask parents to sign a consent form which clearly details the organisations and individuals that their child's health information will be shared with and which methods of sharing will be used.
  - Consider with parents if friendship groups may be able to assist pupils with health needs in age appropriate manner.

## **6. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Attendance policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy