

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

Arunside School



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Date	Section	Policy Review Updates
June 2023	3	Clarity given to ensure policy reflects that the school office team are responsible for health-care on reintegration to school: The school office team will be responsible for delivering any health-care needs of the pupil when they are reintegrated into school
June 2023	3	Clarity given to confirm who is responsible for enabling the pupil to stay in touch: The class teacher will be responsible for ensuring that the pupil has an opportunity to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school)
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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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

3. The responsibilities of the school

Arunside school is guided by the DfE document [Children with health needs who cannot attend school](#) which states that, where a child cannot attend school because of health problems, and they would not otherwise receive a suitable full-time education, the LA is responsible for arranging provision. When the situation arises, the school will therefore contact the West Sussex Fair Access Team/Alternative Provision Team.

The headteacher will be responsible for working with external agencies

The school office team will be responsible for delivering any health-care needs of the pupil when they are reintegrated back school

The SENCO will be responsible for any SEND and inclusion needs.

The class teacher will be responsible for ensuring that the pupil has an opportunity to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school)

3.2 Working with the local authority

When liaising with the local authority, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, home education teachers, the hospital where relevant, 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 and approval will be by the Full Governing Body.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- › Accessibility plan
- › SEND Policy and Code of Practice
- › Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- › Managing children in school with crutches