



Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

1. Aims

At St. Hilary's School, we aim to create a happy, caring environment in which children develop self-confidence and independence and are encouraged to be considerate and show respect for others, while reaching their true potential. We understand that there may be occasions in which pupils are unable to attend the school for health reasons and as such we will continue to support individuals academically and pastorally.

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996 and the DFE statutory guidance, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

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.

- The Form Teacher will have the overall responsibility for monitoring that work is set via Showbie, sending work home and that Zoom arrangements are made.
- Parents and Children will be consulted about these arrangements in consultation with the Headteacher, Deputy and Lead First Aider.
- Once the pupil is ready to reintegrate back into school an ongoing dialogue will continue with the parents', Headteacher, Deputy and First Aid Lead to ensure that this is managed appropriately.

We will:

- 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

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Surrey County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. (Children of school age)

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

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by SLT. 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
- Medial and First Aid Policy

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