



Children with Health Needs who cannot attend School Policy.

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This document is issued and maintained in accordance with Cogenhoe Primary School procedures. Any changes must be clearly identified and discussed with the Governors. The most recent version must be detailed to staff and kept with the other policies for all appropriate stakeholders including parents where applicable.

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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 (LA)

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. 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 Headteacher, SEND Lead and Pastoral Lead will co-ordinate
- Work will be sent home or to hospital or other locations
- Parents and children will be informed of arrangements and updated if reviews needed.
- We will share a reintegration plan when pupil is ready to return back into school. This may be a phased return.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, West Northamptonshire Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- It would be decided if arrangements are 'suitable'
- It would decide how many days a child would need to be absent from school
- The process for referring a child to the local authority would be shared

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 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 it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan