



**Tudhoe Learning Trust**

# **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](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority which can be found by following the following link; <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2983/Support-for-children-with-health-needs>

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

## **3. The responsibilities of the school**

All Trust schools will work closely with the local authority to ensure that children follow the right programmes of study. Individual education plans are drawn up and we liaise with medical professionals. As soon as possible we support integration back to school to prevent any further disruption to pupil's education.

The desired outcomes for the children who we support are to raise aspiration and achievement, for pupils to actively engage in education and for the package of support to result in improved emotional well-being and progress in school work.

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

The Head Teacher of our Trust School is responsible for ensuring appropriate arrangements are made and that once arrangements are made, these are monitored regularly.

The type of arrangements that could be made may include but are not restricted to sending work home to complete or remote access to teaching and learning.

The Head Teacher will consult with parents and pupils regarding any arrangements and discuss how the pupil will be reintegrated back into school.

If the school is unable to make suitable arrangements for the provision of education to the pupil, this will be discussed with parents and pupils and the local authority will be notified. This may be necessary in circumstances where the child's inability to attend is expected to be long-term or the arrangements that the school are able to provide are deemed unsuitable for appropriate teaching and learning to take place. The local authority Health Needs Team will then become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

In cases where the local authority becomes responsible for arrangements relating to a child's education, 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.

#### **5. Further Information**

Further information, advice and support can be obtained from Tudhoe Learning Trust at [office@tudhoelearningtrust.co.uk](mailto:office@tudhoelearningtrust.co.uk) Tel: 01388 811765.