



Settle and Malhamdale Partnership

CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY

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

Legislation and guidance

- This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.
- It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

The responsibilities of the school

If the school make arrangements:

- Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangement to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.
- Where a child is absent from school for medical reasons, the school can provide education tasks and resources for use at home when the child is well enough to engage in education.
- Where a child is admitted to hospital, the school will liaise with the teaching service to inform them of the curriculum areas the pupil should be covering during their absence.

If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangement, North Yorkshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. In cases where the local authority makes arrangement, 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

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