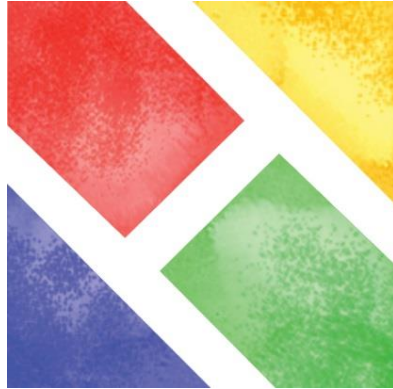


Henleaze Junior School



Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

Review

Review Cycle	Last reviewed	Next review:
Annual	Term 1, 2023	Term 1, 2024

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 statutory responsibilities

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by Department for Education. [Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#).

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

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1. If the school makes arrangements

- 3.1.1. Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.
- 3.1.2. The Headteacher will decide when a child's absence from school falls under the terms of this policy and will at that time appoint a named member of staff to coordinate educational provision for them.
- 3.1.3. The child's class teacher will retain overall responsibility for planning the curriculum, setting targets and tracking progress, in consultation with the child, the family, and the health care professionals and other agencies.
- 3.1.4. The school may use its remote learning platform to communicate with the child while they are unable to attend school, and the child may use this to submit work or questions about school.
- 3.1.5. The school will provide such resources as are deemed necessary to enable the child to complete work at home, eg stationery, worksheets, equipment that would normally be used in school. The school may be able to lend computer devices or assistive technology that is usually available to the child in school.
- 3.1.6. The school will review arrangements at least termly.
- 3.1.7. The school will ensure that staff with responsibility for supporting pupils with health needs are appropriately trained.
- 3.1.8. The school will notify the local authority when a pupil is likely to be away from school for a significant period of time due to their health needs.

3.2. If the local authority makes arrangements

- 3.2.1. If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Bristol City Council CYPS will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.
- 3.2.2. If a child's absence from school lasts longer than 15 days, the school may make a referral to the Educational Welfare Service.
- 3.2.3. If a child cannot attend school due to a medical condition, this would need to be stated by medical professionals, who would make a referral to the Hospital Education Service.
- 3.2.4. In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:
 - 3.2.4.1. Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil

3.2.4.2. Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required

3.2.4.3. 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

3.2.5. When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:

3.2.5.1. 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

3.2.5.2. 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)

3.2.5.3. Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school

3.2.5.4. Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

4.1. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Pupil Progress and Curriculum Committee. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

5.1. This policy links to the following policies:

- Supporting pupils with medical conditions