



Policy for children with health needs who cannot attend school

**Be courageous; be strong.
Do everything in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

At Archbishop Runcie CE First School, we believe in creating a secure, happy, vibrant and exciting environment inspiring children to become successful lifelong learners. We value your children's individuality and aspirations whilst challenging and supporting them to excel in their lives. We believe all children are given the opportunity to thrive- academically, socially, emotionally, physically, morally, spiritually and creatively, enabling each child to grow in confidence to participate in the wider world. We work in partnership with families and the community in an atmosphere of mutual trust and unity. Our vision statement is at the heart of all we do in school, including our work with our children with additional medical needs.

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

Responsibilities 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 in consultation with parents and medical advice. The arrangements agreed will be on an individual need's basis. When it is appropriate for the child to return to school a plan will be put in place to ensure this is done as quickly and as safely as possible taking into account medical needs and any other additional needs such as mobility, the administration of medicines or intimate care, Until the child returns to full health, we will continue to review access to school with parents and any medical advice available on a weekly basis unless otherwise necessary.

Responsibilities if the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Newcastle Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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

- 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

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

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