



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

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.

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

3. The responsibilities of the school

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. Within his role as SENCO, Simon Strange will be responsible for making arrangements for children to learn from home in the event of ill health, lockdown due to pandemic advice or other mitigating circumstances. These arrangements could include sending work home, facilitating on line learning from our website, or other approved websites that we direct parents and carers too or working with parents and carers to provide visits from professionals to aid the learning of the child. We'll look to reintegrate the child back to school as soon as possible and will consult with the parents and carers over how best to approach the absence and what support would be best to use.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

It might be appropriate for us to work with colleagues from the local authority. This would be done in consultation with the family concerned and would also be on the basis of wider support already being in place.

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

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- 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 by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions