

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 (HCC Medical Policy July 2022) provided by our local authority, which can be found on our website here: <https://www.castlehillprimary.net/policies>

3. The Responsibilities of the School

3.1 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.

- Arrangements will be made by the Assistant Headteacher (Inclusions), Mrs Lund, and the provision of education overseen by the class teacher.
- Depending on the needs of the child, work can be provided by:
 - Sending work home
 - Remote checking in by the class teacher to feedback on work completed
 - Planning sent to the hospital education providers

- All arrangements will be discussed with the parent, child, school and medical professionals
- Arrangements for a part-time return to school can be made if required and HCC Inclusions team will be kept informed at all points.

3.2 If the local authority make arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Hampshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority make 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

4. Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed **every 2 years** by Mrs Lund (Assistant Headteacher, Inclusions). At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links with other Policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions