



THE RACKHAM
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Children with Health
Needs Who Cannot
Attend School Policy**

Policy Number: STAT 061

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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 is also based on guidance provided by our local authority. [Access to education for children with health needs - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

3. 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.

This decision will be made in consultation with parent and health professionals as necessary to determine if the child is well enough to access education.

The Rackham will submit work for the child to complete via Tapestry our online learning platform and images of completed work will be uploaded by parents and carers for the class teacher to see.

Weekly reviews will take place to ensure work set is appropriate and accessible for the child.

When the child is ready to return to school, the Headteacher and SENDCO will meet with the family and child, either virtually or in person, to discuss any adaptations the child may need in order to access the school day and associated learning.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

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

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Headteacher and Chair of Governors. 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
- Equality Policy

This policy will be reviewed and agreed in line with Government guidelines by the Governing Body.

Approved and signed by:

Headteacher



Signed:

Date: 7th September 2023

Chair of Governing body



Signed:

Date: 7th September 2023

