



BattlePrimaryAcademy
Empowering Opportunity

Name of Policy	Children with health needs who cannot attend school
Scope of Policy	All pupils with health needs
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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

The school will liaise with the hospital schools' team if the pupil is hospital based. For those pupils who are at home but unable to attend school, the SENCo will work with outside professionals and the local authority to adjust the provision available.

3.1 If the school decides

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

- The SENCo is responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- The school will provide the hospital schools team with up to date information about the pupil's academic needs. Further support may include, but is not limited to, sending work home or offering remote learning via a suitable platform.
- A multi professional meeting will be held between school and parents/carers to develop a medical care plan.
- Necessary adjustments required to allow the pupil to make a successful transition back to school will be explored and considered.

3.2 If the local authority decides

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Reading Borough Council 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

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the SENCo. At every review, it will be approved by the Principal.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following

- policies: ➤ Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions