

Swinford Church of England Primary School

Policy for children with health needs who cannot attend school

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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](#) and complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Roles and responsibilities

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make suitable arrangements with the child's parents/carers to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school and to reintegrate them back into school as soon as possible.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements for a lengthy absence, Leicestershire Education Authority (LEA) will be contacted and asked to assume responsibility for arranging suitable education, for example with the support of a hospital school.

In cases where Leicestershire Education Authority (LEA) assumes responsibility, the school will:

- Work constructively with LEA, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers to ensure the best outcomes for the child
- Share information with LEA and relevant health services as required
- Help to make sure that the provision offered to the child is as effective as possible and that they can be reintegrated back into school successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with LEA to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the child to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
 - Enable the child 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 Co-Headteachers and approved by the Full Governing Body.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions