



## **Tylers Green First School**

### **Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy**

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## **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

## **Legislation and guidance**

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

## **The responsibilities of parents**

Parents should let the school know as soon as possible if your child is in hospital or medically unfit for school and likely to be absent for a period longer than a few days.

## **The responsibilities of the school**

### **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.
- Parents should contact the SENCO in the first instance who will arrange for work to be set by the class teacher.
- Work can be set by sending printed work home, sending work via email or directing the parent to appropriate online resources to use. The SENCO will liaise with the parents and child to ensure that this arrangement is meeting the child's needs.
- The SENCO will bring the arrangement to the attention of the Headteacher who will monitor this arrangement.
- In some instances a Hospital School may be available, in which case the SENCO may liaise with the teachers at the Hospital School to ensure that work is set at the right level for the pupil.
- Pupils may, according to their medical needs, require a transition back to school. The SENCO would meet with the parents to organise this.

School may also contact the Local Authority or School Nursing Service for support and advice to ensure that we are making every effort to support children who have health needs and cannot attend school.

### **If the local authority makes arrangements**

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Buckinghamshire Unitary 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 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