

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.

3. The responsibilities of the school

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

The school will make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. These arrangements will work alongside the Remote Education Plan.

The child's class teacher will be responsible for ensuring the work is in line with the curriculum and they will help the child to feel included in events with their peers using technology where appropriate.

Families will be encouraged to keep in touch via the Summerlea school website and Class Dojo where pupils and their families can communicate directly with staff.

Re-integration will be carefully considered, and a phased return plan will be put in place if this is in the child's best interest. The class teacher, Inclusion Team, parents / carers and the child will all be consulted.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, West Sussex County 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 senior leadership team. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

The DfE advises that this policy is reviewed annually, in its list of statutory policies.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- > Accessibility plan
- > Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- > Remote Education at Summerlea plan

This policy will be ratified by the Governing Body of Summerlea Community Primary School on:

	15 th June 2022
Signature of Chair of Governors:	Epitheoduler
Signature of Headteacher:	Helen Morris

Policy Review Form

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