



Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy



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1. Aims

At Town Farm Primary School, we aim to nurture the talent and provide the skills and experiences for every child in our care to ensure each pupil has the best educational experience and achieves their full potential. 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 '[Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school due to health needs](#)' (DfE 2013)

3. The 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.

- Our SENCO and Welfare Officer will be responsible for making the arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.
- In these circumstances, the SENCO or Welfare Officer would consult with the parents and carers of the child to agree how work will be set and with what frequency, as well as what support can be provided to assist the family in supporting their child to complete the work. This will depend upon the age and needs of the child.
- Arrangements could include:
 - Attendance at a Hospital School
 - Personalised work sent home for the children to complete in hard copy
 - Use of online learning platforms such as BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy or other appropriate online resources
 - Virtual or remote support through video conferencing by relevant professionals
- When the child is able to attend school again, they will be reintegrated through:
 - A formal meeting with parents and carers, school professionals including the SENCO and Welfare Officer in addition to any other relevant professionals
 - Where appropriate, targeted support in school to ensure full access to the curriculum
 - Any other measure deemed necessary

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

After the first 15 days of absence due to health needs, Town Farm Primary School will contact Surrey County Council to discuss the arrangements that are in place. If it is agreed that the arrangements that can be put in place are not sufficient to meet the needs of the child, then the Local Authority would become responsible for making these arrangements. 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

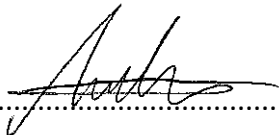
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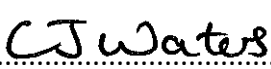
This policy will be reviewed annually by the SENCO. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEND policy

Signed:..... (Headteacher)

Signed:..... (Chair of Governors)