

**Children with Health Needs who cannot attend School Policy**

<b>Name of School</b>	Church Crookham Junior School
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<b>Signature of Responsible Manager/Headteacher</b>	

<b>Aims</b>	
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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, for example, when this education is being provided by the local authority

<b>Legislation and Guidance</b>	
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This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

If a parent/carer has concerns that their child's health is having an impact on their learning, they should contact our school to discuss how they could properly support the child to enable them to have full access to education.

When treatment of a child's condition means that his or her family have to move nearer to a hospital, and there is a sibling of compulsory school age, the local authority into whose area the family has moved should seek to ensure that the sibling is offered provision. The provision should be suitable and available, for example, in a local mainstream school or other appropriate setting. If the sibling is of compulsory school age and the move means they would not receive suitable education unless the local authority arranges it for them, then the s.19 duty will also apply in relation to the sibling as well.

<b>The Responsibilities of the School</b>	
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Our school will continue to provide education to any child with a health need who can attend school. Where a child is absent for a shorter period of time, for example when experiencing chicken pox or influenza, our school may provide some additional work for the child to complete.

Pupils at school who have medical conditions should be properly supported to have they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education and details of how this is achieved can be seen in the 'Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy'.

School, with guidance and help from Hampshire County Council, will make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. This includes:

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- Working constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Sharing information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Helping 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
- Providing at least one person responsible for overseeing the arrangements and consultations (such as with parents/carers, health professionals, children's services, as appropriate)

When reintegration is anticipated, our school will work with the local authority and other agencies 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, etc.)
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made As a school we:
  - Do not discriminate against children with disabilities
  - Have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination
  - Have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between all children
  - Make reasonable adjustments to alleviate disadvantage

At all stages, school will work with appropriate services which may include:

- Hampshire Special Educational Needs
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Educational Psychologists
- School Nursing
- Hampshire Children's Services
- Hampshire Inclusion

<b>Working with Parents</b>	
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If a parent / carer has concerns that their child's health is having an impact on their learning, they should contact our school to discuss how they could properly support the child to enable them to have full access to education. How long the child is likely to be out of school will be important in deciding the level of support they will need. Where the child has complex or long-term health issues, the pattern of illness can be unpredictable and school will work with parents/carers and medical practitioners to discuss how to meet the child's needs. Having clear medical evidence will assist careful planning of appropriate provision. This could be through individual support, arranging alternative provision or by them remaining at school, being supported at home and back into school after each absence.

Good communication, including having regular reviews are important in helping to provide a suitable education, particularly if the child is likely to be absent from school for long periods of time. It is

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important to consider all factors and provide an educational offer which is appropriate for the child. It maybe appropriate for a child to have an Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP).

In some cases, the child's needs amount to ongoing special educational need, an EHCP may be more appropriate to meet the long term needs of the child. An ECHP will not always be appropriate as not all health needs will comprise SEND.

Should parents or the child be dissatisfied with the support provided by school, they should discuss their concerns directly with the headteacher. If, for whatever reason this does not resolve the issue, they may make a formal complaint via the school's complaints procedure.

<b>Monitoring Arrangements</b>	
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This policy will be reviewed annually and approved by the governors. There maybe other monitoring activities undertaken (such as governors monitoring the impact of this policy) .

<b>Links with other Policies</b>	
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This policy is linked to our:

- Accessibility Policy Plan
- Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy and Information Report

This policy was reviewed considering the DfE document 'Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of Health Needs' Dec 2023 and will be updated, in line with any changes in DfE documentation.