



## Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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# **HISP Multi Academy Trust Portswood Primary School Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy**

## **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/carers 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](#).

It also based on guidance provided by Southampton Local Authority.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

## **3. The responsibilities of the school**

### **3.1 If the school makes arrangements**

Once the school receives information from parents which is supported by relevant professional bodies, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver a suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

The person responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements is Anna Adams, Assistant Head, who holds the roles of inclusion and SENCo.

The arrangements may be sending work home, sending work to hospital schools or an agreed part time timetable (in which case the LA will be informed).

We will consult with parents/carers and the appropriate professional about these arrangements; a range of staff may be involved in this process and an Individual Health Care Plan may need to be completed.

We will work closely with the parents/carers or organisations to ensure that the reintegration back into school is appropriate for the pupil.

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

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, they will contact Southampton Local Authority and request they will become responsible for arranging an education for these children. This will usually be when the child needs a tutor because they are experiencing an extended period away from school and the school cannot meet the need of the child. School will complete a form for the Inclusion Support Service.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

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- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers 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, we will work closely 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 a member of the senior leadership team. At every review, it will be approved by the Academy Committee.

## **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions