



St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share the same commitment. We follow Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership. For more information go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/qscp/>

This policy must be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Incorporating Child Protection Policy and the Equal Opportunities Policy.

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Committee

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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](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

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.

- The Inclusion Manager or Pastoral Leader and the Class teacher will have shared responsibility for making and monitoring these arrangements
- The class teacher will be responsible for uploading learning onto DB Primary, providing opportunities for the pupil to Zoom into lessons and/or printing off work to be completed at home/hospital. It will be the parents' responsibility to arrange collection of this work.
- The Inclusion Manager/Pastoral Leader/class teacher will consult parents and children about these arrangements
- The school will follow the advice of health and education professionals supporting the child while not in school about how best to reintegrate the pupil back into school

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Gloucestershire 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 Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the local governing committee

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions