

WILMSLOW HIGH SCHOOL

Policy: Children with health needs who cannot attend school

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school owing 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 the following guidance:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>
- <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-attendance/education-of-children-and-young-people-with-medical-needs.aspx>

3. The responsibilities of the school and the Local Authority (LA)

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.

These arrangements

- Are monitored through the school's Key Group System of support for the engagement of students with the school's Formal Curriculum. This system is led and managed by the Deputy Headteacher.

- Are managed by the assigned Key Group Lead assisted by the assigned Named Person from the school's staff
- Involve the assigned Key Group Lead liaising with relevant external agencies (for example, the Cheshire East Medical Needs Tuition Team) and with the parents and children involved
- Will see most students reintegrate back into school through the House System using the school's Academic Catch Up Base resource. However, in more complex cases reintegration will be led and managed by either the Inclusion or Learning Support Teams with support from the school's Medical Needs Coordinators.

3.2 If the LA makes arrangements

In the following circumstances the school can refer students to the Cheshire East Medical Needs Team:

- A student has been absent for 15 days with illness or the school is aware that the pupil will be absent, for example after a planned medical procedure;
- A student's attendance is less than 50% and they have an identified medical need;
- A student has been in hospital and is not well enough to return to school immediately.

This application must be supported by medical confirmation from one of the following health professionals:

- Consultant Paediatrician or Adolescent Psychiatrist;
- Consultant Child Psychiatrist;
- Hospital Consultant

In cases where the LA makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the LA, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Share information with the LA 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 LA 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 (for example, through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from the school)
 - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school, for example through use of the Academic Catch Up Base
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher (Student Services). At every review, it will be approved by the full Governing Board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Equality Policy & Objectives
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy