



Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend Policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend an academy site due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the academy 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 academy

Our academy will ensure that all pupils have an appropriate educational offer which enables them to engage in a suitable education depending on their ever- changing need. Due to how our academy operates not all pupils may come to site on a daily basis as they may have a curriculum offer of off-site commissioned vocational alternative provision. Pupils may engage in home tutoring and off- site alternative vocational education where appropriate.

3.1 If the academy makes arrangements

Initially, the academy will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend site.

The academy can educate such pupils in their homes via online learning as part of our blended learning offer. Our academy has it's own online learning support assistant who can coordinate the education with the pupil and their family/hospital team. We have access to online learning packages such as BKS B and My Maths. Pupils may be visited at home or in another off site venue by the pastoral team. They can also attend education after 3pm if this meets the pupils needs and is suitable.

Where a pupil is dual registered, it may be suitable for the agreement to come to an end and the mainstream school take responsibility for educating the pupil if that is more feasible.

A home visit would be carried out to see the pupil and discuss possible arrangements with parents or carers.

Each site lead is responsible for ensuring that all pupils have a suitable education to meet their needs.

All pupils will be communicated with at home via telephone calls, emails and the website and be included in receiving academy letters so they remain part of academy life.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

The Local Authority refers PEX pupils to our academy and commission our pupil places. All pupils have a commissioning agreement which is reviewed up to 3 times per year. Any concerns about medical illness will be discussed at the review and future plans discussed.

If the academy can't make suitable arrangements and none of the above are appropriate, then we may refer a child with an Education and Health Care Plan back to the Derbyshire Local Authority if we cannot meet their needs.

In such cases we 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.

4. Monitoring arrangements

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

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

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