



Hindhayes Infant School
Children With Health Needs who
Cannot Attend School Policy
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At Hindhayes, we believe success is based on the partnerships between pupils, staff and the parent community. We endeavour to enrich and develop each child to be a successful individual that will become an active community citizen of the future.

Approved on: _____

Signed: _____

Role: _____

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.

Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996. It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

Responsibilities of the school

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 Headteacher and SENCO will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements. The arrangements in place will be aligned to the following:

- Age of the student
- Stage in their academic studies
- Medical condition
- Advice from medical professionals
- The views of the young person
- The views of the Parents

The arrangements could include but are not limited to

- Sending work home
- Liaising with hospital schools
- Organising and using assistive technology

The Headteacher and/or SENCO will meet with parents/carers to decide the best approach.

The Headteacher and SENCO will plan for adjusted and modified timetables as necessary as part of a planned phased return into school at the point it is agreed by all professionals that it is appropriate.

If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Somerset Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils. The school will access this through Mendip Panel and the Medical Tuition Service.

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.

Monitoring arrangements

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

This policy links to the following policies: • Accessibility plan • Supporting pupils with medical conditions

