



Children with a Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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1. 1. Aims

1.1. This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs for a prolonged period of time.
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

1.2. At Little Paxton Primary children are at the heart of everything we do and we aim to ensure that all children, regardless of circumstance or setting receive a good education to enable them to shape their own futures. Where children are unable to attend school because of their health, the school will follow Department of Education Guidance and work with Cambridgeshire Local Authority who have the responsibility a to arrange suitable full-time education (or part-time when appropriate for the child's needs) for children who are unable to attend a mainstream or special school because of their health.

2. Legislation and guidance

- 2.1. This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#) and the [Equality Act 2010](#)
- 2.2. It also based on guidance provided by our local authority. [click here for more information](#)

3. The responsibilities

3.1. If the school makes arrangements

- 3.1.1. Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.
- 3.1.2. Work will be set by the class teacher with the support of the SENCo if required.
- 3.1.3. Suitable packs of work will be sent home and direction given to remote learning such as websites where lessons or work can be found.
- 3.1.4. The SENCo will contact the hospital to establish what support is available there.
- 3.1.5. The SENCo will maintain regular contact with the parents to offer support.
- 3.1.6. Re-integration back into school will be discussed with the parent and a reduced timetable offered if necessary.

3.2. If the local authority makes arrangements

- 3.2.1. If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Cambridgeshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. See their policy [Primary schools Medical Needs Policy nov22 \(cambslearntogether.co.uk\)](https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/Primary%20schools%20Medical%20Needs%20Policy%20nov22)
- 3.2.2. Headteacher will contact the local authority as soon as we are aware this child's health needs will prevent attendance at school, advice will be taken and guidance followed.
- 3.2.3. 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
 - Have a named person who can be contacted by the LA and by parents
 - 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
- 3.2.4. 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

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

5. Links to other policies

5.1. This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Cambridgeshire Local Authority [Primary schools Medical Needs Policy nov22](https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/primary-schools-medical-needs-policy-nov22)
([cambslearntogether.co.uk](https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk))

6. Equality Review

- 6.1. Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.