



Denmark Road High School

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- › Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- › Students, 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. Please follow the link to this guidance [Here](#)

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the school

Where a student is not able to attend school due to their health needs the school has a responsibility to provide details of the core curriculum and support external providers such as Hospital Education Service with the necessary details about the intended curriculum.

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.

In order to facilitate this:

The SENDCO or Student Support Officer (depending on student need) in collaboration with the Assistant Headteacher Progress and Wellbeing and the Assistant Headteacher Teaching and Learning will discuss the circumstances and consult with parents, children and medical professionals to determine an agreed plan to support the child's learning

This provision might include an agreed part-time timetable (which is then registered with GCC) or a reduced or modified curriculum to further support health needs

Any reintegration back into school will be gradual and in agreement with the child and their parents/carers and other medical professionals. This will be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that the reintegration is appropriate to the child's needs.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Gloucestershire County Council Hospital Education Service 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 Assistant Headteacher Progress and Wellbeing. At every review, it will be approved by the Trust Board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- › Accessibility plan
- › Supporting students with medical conditions