

# Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

MELBOURNE JUNIOR 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 due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents/carers 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 is also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

<https://schoolsnet.derbyshire.gov.uk/childrens-support-services/attendance-management/out-of-school-tuition.aspx>

### 3. Responsibilities of the school

[DfE guidance](#).

Derbyshire guidance:

<https://www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/supporting-children-with-medical-needs/supporting-children-with-medical-conditions.aspx>

#### 3.1 If the school makes the 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 SENDC will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- These arrangements may include: sending work home, hospital schools, Out of School Tuition (OOST)
- Parents/carers and pupils will be consulted about these arrangements as soon as possible.
- Pupils will be reintegrated back into school in consultation with parents and their health needs. This is likely to be a phased return.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes the arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Derbyshire Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils. They will determine:

- How it will be decided if arrangements are 'suitable'
- How many days a child would need to be absent from school

➤ The process for referring a child to the local authority

In cases where the local authority makes the arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers 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 the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

#### **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

