

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

[Iqra School]

Training for this life...



And the Hereafter.

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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 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.

3. The responsibilities of the school

Your child may still be able to go to school with some help.

If your child can't go to school because of their medical needs:

- their school will organise education for the first few weeks
- they may be able to go to a school at the hospital they are in
- we may arrange education outside school if we think your child isn't getting an education or if your child is ill for more than 15 days.

This may include:

- home tuition
- access to a hospital school
- a 'virtual' school or
- any combination depending on the needs of your child.

Speak to your child's school if your child has to go into hospital as an in-patient.

If your child is too ill to go to school and you think they will be off for more than 15 days, contact the medical needs coordinator.

Your child will get help to go back to school when they are ready. We will work with you and your child's school to plan their return and make sure they get all the help they need.

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.

The class teacher will be responsible for preparing work which is suitable for the child's ability.

The school will liaise with parents (through telephone conversations/in person) to explain and review tasks as necessary. If the child is hospitalised, the family will be advised to use the hospital school.

When a pupil feels well enough to attend, the school will liaise with parents and come to a mutual agreement depending on the child's needs. The school will consider a staggered start to help ease the child back into school life after illness.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Lambeth 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, the school will 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 every three years by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions