



Pebworth First and Blackminster Middle Schools
Federation



Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority and takes into account specific guidance issued by the government relating to Covid-19 specifically.

The responsibilities of the school

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. This will involve liaison with parents/carers, medical professionals, Class Teacher/Form Tutor and any other relevant professionals involved in the child's care.

The work provided will be bespoke to the child and the situation, taking into account their medical and academic needs. Pupils may be referred to hospital schools if this is appropriate. Where possible we will aim to ensure that this work is in line with that completed in school so that the pupil does not fall behind their peers.

Regular communication between school and the child/parent and carers will be set up to ensure that effective feedback can be provided.

A reintegration plan will be drawn up in collaboration with the child, parent/carer and other relevant professionals as soon as practicable to manage the transition back into school life for the pupil.

The AHT (Student Welfare) is responsible for this at BMS, and the Head of School at PFS.

The responsibilities of the local authority

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Worcestershire County Council 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

Monitoring arrangements

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

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Home learning