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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 is also based on guidance provided by our local authority. [Children with ongoing health needs - West Sussex County Council](#)

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

3. Responsibilities of the school

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 Headteacher or SENCO will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- The Headteachers or SENCO will consult parents and pupils about the arrangements put in place before they take effect.
- The school will take advice from HET, medical professionals and parents to ensure there will be a plan to reintegrate pupils back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, West Sussex will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils. West Sussex County Council commission medical provision via

the [West Sussex Alternative Provision College](#). Referrals are made via the school and managed by the Fair Access Team. They must be supported by appropriate medical evidence.

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. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

5. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every three years. At every review, it will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

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