



Weston Village Primary School

## Children With Health Needs Who Can Not Attend School Policy

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For use by:	All teaching staff
Policy relates to statutory guidance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education Act 1996</li><li>• Cheshire East guidance</li></ul>
Key related policies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accessibility plan</li><li>• Supporting pupils with medical conditions</li></ul>
To be reviewed in the light of operating experience and/or changes in legislation	

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Tim Lloyd, Chair of Leadership and Management Committee

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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 Cheshire East.

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

## 3. The 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 is responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- The arrangements would include sending work home or providing remote learning.
- Any arrangements will be made in agreement with parents and, when appropriate, children.
- If appropriate, pupils may require a phased reintegration back into school

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Cheshire East will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- The school will be responsible for referring pupils to the Tuition Team, by completing the form MN1A (Medical Needs Form), once:
- a pupil has been absent for 15 days with illness or the school is aware that the pupil will be absent e.g., after a planned medical procedure;
- a pupil's attendance is less than 50% and they have an identified medical need; or
- they have been in hospital and are not well enough to return to school immediately.

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 the headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Leadership & Management Committee.

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

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions