

INKBERROW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love to Learn, Learn to Care

We aspire for all our children to become confident, secure, caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a love of learning.

Children with Health Needs who cannot attend School Policy



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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.

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 SENDCo will liaise with the appropriate external providers to ensure that there is a line of communication for children and parents. They will ensure that work is sent as required. This will be in line with the school's Remote Learning Plan.
- In addition to this, weekly packs of learning can be requested from the school. The parent / carer can collect this work from the school office. The completed work can be returned on the collection of the next week's learning.
- The school will work closely with parents on a monthly basis to discuss the support given and make further arrangements. An Early Help Assessment will be carried out.
- When the child is ready to return to school, the school will write a re-integration plan. This will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure a smooth transition back to school.

4. Definitions

Children who are unable to attend school as a result of their medical needs may include those with:

- Physical health issues
- Physical injuries

- Mental health problems, including anxiety issues
- Emotional difficulties or school refusal
- Progressive conditions
- Terminal illnesses
- Chronic illnesses

4.2. Children who are unable to attend mainstream education for health reasons may attend any of the following:

- Hospital School: a special school within a hospital setting where education is provided to give continuity whilst the child is receiving treatment.
- Home Tuition: Many LAs have home tuition services that act as a communication channel between schools and pupils on occasions where pupils are too ill to attend school and are receiving specialist medical treatment.
- Medical PRUs: These are LA establishments that provide education for children unable to attend their registered school due to their medical needs

5 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Worcester 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 re-integrated back into school successfully
- When re-integration 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 re-integration plans for each child returning to school
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

6. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the IPS Curriculum and Quality Committee. At every review, it will be approved by the full Local Governing Board.

7. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions