



# **St Peter & St Paul**

## CofE Primary School

# Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

## 2020 - 2021

(This policy has been drafted having regard for the School's Christian ethos.)

	Date	Signed
Agreed by Staff:	June 2020	Mr Steve Ginn Head Teacher
Agreed by Governors:	July 2020	Mrs N Ford Chair of Governors
Lead:	Strategic Leadership Committee	
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### Our School Mission Statement

We see it as our mission to grow the whole child - intellectually, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. To provide them, within a Christian environment, with every learning opportunity possible and to empower them to be the leaders of tomorrow.

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## Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

### **Rationale:**

St Peter and St Paul CofE Primary School aims to support the LA and ensure that all children who are unable to attend school due to medical needs, and who would not receive suitable education without such provision, continue to have access to as much education as their medical condition allows, to enable them to reach their full potential. Due to the nature of their health needs, some children may be admitted to hospital or placed in alternative forms of education provision. We recognise that, whenever possible, pupils should receive their education within their school and the aim of the provision will be to reintegrate pupils back into school as soon as they are well enough. We understand that we have a continuing role in a pupil's education whilst they are not attending the school and will work with the LA, healthcare partners and families to ensure that all children with medical needs receive the right level of support to enable them to maintain links with their education.

### **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 are clear about the arrangements which will be made by the school and/or the Local Authority in the event that a child cannot attend school because of health needs.

### **Legislation and Guidance:**

This policy reflects the requirements of:

- The Education Act 1996.
- The Equality Act 2010
- DfE Guidance (2013) 'Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs'
- DfE Guidance (2015) 'Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions' It is also based on guidance provided by Suffolk County Council:
- <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Children-families-and-learning/schools/2014-EOTAS-policy-document.v1.pdf>

### **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.

These arrangements will be made by the child's class teacher in consultation with the SENDCO and Head Teacher.

Work will be set in an accessible format which could include paper based tasks or online tasks.

The class teacher will keep in contact on a regular basis with the child, where appropriate, and with the parents/carers by mutual agreement.

Before the child returns to school the class teacher and the Head Teacher will meet with the family concerned and make personalised arrangements for the transition of the child back into school. This could include a part-time timetable if appropriate.

### **If the Local Authority Makes Arrangements:**

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Suffolk 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:**

The Head Teacher will provide details termly, via the Head Teacher's report, of any children with health needs who cannot attend school. This will include specifics of the steps which are being taken and the provision which is being offered.

### **Links to Other Policies:**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions

### **Review Period**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Head Teacher and presented to the full Governing Board for approval.

## Document History

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Issue 1	July 2020	Drawn up in line with DfE and LA guidance