



Churchfields
The Village School

Atworth ∞ Monkton Farleigh

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.

3. The responsibilities of the school

The school is to establish what the health needs are for a child on roll, and whether they are advised to provide this to the pupil, or whether this is best served by another body. The school will ask for and follow the advice of medical and other education professionals as closely as possible.

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 must agree any arrangements in relation to the provision of education to children off site for whatever reason, including for health reasons.

The classteacher and SENDCo (if relevant e.g. because the child has an EHCP) will be responsible for providing a suitable education for the child after consultation with the headteacher and parents. This may involve using our established learning platform 'Google Classroom' (GC), sending work home, etc.

Children will be reintegrated back in school as soon as possible, in line with advice. This will be aided by their classteacher and classmates keeping in touch using GC if the absence is more than two weeks in length.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

The LA will ensure all safeguarding checks have been carried out for any adults outside of school working with the pupil, and provide a written assurance to the school to this affect.

The classteacher, headteacher and SENDCo (if appropriate) will be available to support the LA by providing advice on the child's current attainment and achievement. This arrangement will be formally agreed and recorded by the LA and the headteacher and noted in any registration document.

Therefore, 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:

Policies and Procedures

- 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, GC).
- 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 or SENDCo annually. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.