



Children with health needs who cannot attend school Policy

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Beaufort School

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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.

3. The responsibilities of the school

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 Senior Leadership team, in combination with the Special School Nursing Service
- Arrangements may include temporary hospital school provision, sending work home and in some instances, a member of school staff or therapist visiting the child to maintain their wider educational provision
- In each case, progress made outside of school will be discussed with providers, contributing to the overall picture of the child's educational journey.
- Pupils reintegrate back into school with an appropriate risk assessment or care support package (where necessary), and may complete a phased return or return to a contrasting class in the first instance.
- In certain cases, such as where the school, informed by professional healthcare advice, disagree with the parent upon the child's capacity to attend school, it may be necessary to follow fasttrack attendance proceedings or consider a change of placement

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

- Where required, an emergency annual review will take place to assess the suitability of Beaufort School for the child, given their health needs.
- Such arrangements will be made where a child is absent from school for one full half term due to illness ➤
In the first instance the school will liaise with its allocated SENAR Principal Officer, Jelena Merrick.
- 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 Mark Wright, the Head of School. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Pupil Attendance Policy