



Longmoor

Community Primary School

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Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School

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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

Legislation and Guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996. It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

The Responsibilities of the School

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.

It will be the responsibility of the child's class teacher, initially, to determine which work can be sent to the pupil to complete away from school. This will be co-ordinated through the School Business Manager, who may delegate this to another member of the school's administration team.

Parents will always be consulted about this, as dependant on the child's medical condition, it may not be appropriate for children to receive a full complement of school work (ie. the same amount that they would receive if they were attending school full-time).

The school's aim will always be to reintegrate the child back into school life, as soon as is reasonably possible. This may include visits to the child's home or medical setting, in order to 'keep in touch' and ensure that their educational needs are being met, wherever possible. Staff members will be reminded of the need to main confidentiality regarding any child's medical needs – information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis.

If the Local Authority Makes Arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Liverpool City 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

The Responsibilities of Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Ensure the regular and punctual attendance of their child at school where possible.
- Work in partnership with the school to ensure the best possible outcomes for their child.
- Notify the school of the reason for any of their child's absences, without delay.
- Provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs.
- Attend meetings to discuss how support for their child should be planned.
- Ensure that their child can complete any work set by school in a timely manner, with reasonable adjustments made depending on the child's health needs.

Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the school's Senior Leadership Team. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

Links to Other Policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- First aid
- Managing medicines policy & supporting procedures
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy