

Bishop Wilson C. of E. Primary School

Children with health needs who cannot attend
school



**“Each of you should use whatever gift you have
received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s
grace in its various forms.”**

1 Peter 4:10

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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 (LA)

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the following legislation:

[The Education Act 1996](#)

[The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

It is also based on the following statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE):

[Alternative provision](#)

[Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school](#)

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority (<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/illness-education>).

3. Responsibilities

3.1 The School's role

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. Following consultation with parents about the nature of the illness and the ongoing impact of the absence, the school will agree the level of education that may be provided. This may be through provision of schoolwork at home for children who are able to cope with it or through part-time attendance at school. The school will give due consideration to which aspects of the curriculum are prioritised in consultation with the pupil, their family and relevant members of staff.

We will:

- have a policy and person responsible for pupils who can either continue to attend school with their medical condition as well as those that can not attend school as a result of their health needs. This will be either Miss Brown, Miss Downs or Mrs Green.
- let Solihull council know if your child is likely to be away from school for more than 15 working days
- Provide the local authority, at agreed intervals, the full name and address of any pupils of compulsory school age who are not attending school regularly due to their health needs
- give the local council information about your child child's needs and capabilities and liaise with any other external agency involved
- help to reintegrate your child back into school when they return, making sure that any reasonable adjustments are in place.
- make sure your child is kept informed about school events
- encourage your child to stay in contact with other pupils (e.g. through visits)

3.2 The role of Solihull Local Authority

If your child is going to be away from school for a long time (more than 15 days), Solihull Council will make sure they get as normal an education as possible and teaching will be provided based on your child child's health needs.

There should be a senior officer in charge of the arrangements and a written policy explaining how Solihull Council will meet our responsibilities.

Solihull Council are responsible for making sure your child:

- is not without access to education for more than 15 working days
- has access to education from the start of their absence if it is clear they are going to be away from school for long and recurring periods
- gets an education of similar quality to that in school

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Emma Brown [Deputy Head Teacher]. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Attendance Policy

➤ Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy

➤ Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies