

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy



**Fernhurst
Primary 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 Chichester Academy Trust.

3. The responsibilities of the school

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.

Jennifer Thornton, Headteacher, has overall responsibility for ensuring that an education is in place. This responsibility may be delegated to another member of staff but will be monitored by Jennifer Thornton. The educational offer may include:

- › Paper based work being sent home or to hospital
- › Online learning through Google Classrooms, digital online platforms or facilities through the school website.
- › Tutors to deliver specific learning

The parents and carers will be involved in consultation where possible, prior to the arrangements being made. This may be in person or remotely. Decisions will be communicated in writing.

- › When reintegration is anticipated, work with the Trust 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 Mrs Jennifer Thornton, Headteacher. 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