



The Richmond School

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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Full Governing Body

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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 is also based on guidance provided by the DFE .

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/941900/health_needs_guidance_accessible.pdf

3. Responsibilities of the school

The school will follow the Department for Education and Local Authority guidance.

The school will provide relevant resources/information for any child absent from school as a result of a medical condition, where this is appropriate in discussion with parents/carers. As soon as it is clear that a child will be away from school for 15 days or more, whether consecutive or cumulative, it is the responsibility of the Local Authority to arrange appropriate provision.

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.

These arrangements will include:

- The Headteacher/SENCO will liaise with the parents/carers to make the necessary arrangements and discuss appropriate education to be delivered.
- The Class Teacher will be responsible for loading materials onto Class Dojo or MS Teams and/or providing appropriate paper copies of materials for collection by/delivery to the parents/carers.
- The Headteacher/SENCO will be responsible for monitoring the provision of the educational arrangements, and for arranging any reintegration as necessary for the child upon their return to school

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Lincolnshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

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 the 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