



Children with health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

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Our School Vision

***At Western, we aim to develop kind, ambitious, curious, confident and successful young people who are excited about their futures.***

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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. <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/medical-education-service>

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

The local authority and schools have a statutory duty to make the necessary arrangements to provide ongoing education for children who, due to their medical condition, are unable to attend school for a period of time.

#### 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.

The school will:

- Make early and regular contact with pupil and parents to ensure provision is appropriate
- Provide learning instruction and tasks for the pupil, in line with the learning which is happening in the pupil's class
- Provide timely feedback to the pupil in relation to their learning tasks
- Provide an opportunity (where appropriate) for a live discussion between pupil, parent and staff member at least once every 7 days
- Make arrangements for transition back into school as appropriate

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, NYCC will become responsible for arranging suitable

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 SLT. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.