

Bredenbury Primary School
CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS THAT CANNOT ATTEND
SCHOOL POLICY
January 2021

Signed and dated:

Chair of Governors *C Edwards 29.01.2021*
Headteacher

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. [Education for children with health needs policy – Herefordshire Council](#)

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.

The school governing body has a duty to make arrangements to support children at school with medical conditions.

Schools have the freedom to determine their own arrangements on the following guidance which will be overseen by a named person in the school:

- Procedures to be followed when advised by a medical practitioner that a pupil has a medical condition
- Individual healthcare plans
- Staff training and support
- Children's role in managing their own medical needs

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- Managing medicines on school premises
- Emergency procedures
- Day trips, residential visits and sporting activities
- Home to school transport for pupils requiring special arrangements
- Unacceptable practice
- Liability and indemnity

The Headteacher will be responsible for making arrangements for example online learning and work sent home. Parents will be consulted.

A gradual reintegration will take place with a reduced timetable in consultation with the parents and any professional bodies involved.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Herefordshire Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/5759/draft-policy-on-education-for-children-with-health-needs>

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

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- 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 Governing Body/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