

Purbrook Park School

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Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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

3. The responsibilities of the school

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will endeavour to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

In school, Mr Luke Atiyah (Director of Inclusion) is responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements. The Director of Inclusion will work with the SENCo and Attendance Officer to ensure that the pupil has appropriate work sent home or will liaise with other professionals, such as hospital schools to try to provide the pupil with the best possible provision to support their needs and wellbeing. The Director of Inclusion will consult with parents, pupils and staff to ensure a robust plan is in place to support learning. When the child is ready and able to return to school, a carefully considered plan will be set in place, which may include a gradual reintegration for the pupil.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Hampshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

Purbrook Park School will work with Hampshire County Council's Education Inclusion Service and refer any pupils, whom they are unable to support.

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 body.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Supporting pupils with medical conditions.
- Special Educational Needs policy
- SEN Information Report
- Attendance Policy