



**CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS
WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL
MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL**

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Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

Legislation and guidance

Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on governing bodies of maintained schools, proprietors of academies and management committees of PRUs to make arrangements for supporting students at their school with medical conditions.

The responsibilities of the school

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

The school SENDCo and the Deputy SENDCo with responsibility for students with medical needs will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements through liaison with parents/carers. Such arrangements may be through Google classrooms to access remote learning through an on-line provision or sending work home with the provision of work packs to enable the student to continue to access the curriculum.

Where appropriate students will be reintegrated into the school in a way that is suitable to meet their health needs.

The school will be responsible for referring students to the Medical Needs Team within Cheshire East Council once:

- A student has been absent for 15 days with illness or the school is aware that the student will be absent for 15 days e.g. after a planned medical procedure
- A student's attendance is less than 50% **and** they have an identified medical need
- They have been in hospital and are not well enough to return to school immediately

If the above criteria is met the school can make referrals to the Cheshire East Tuition team: medical needs service using the Cheshire East Live Well portal.

All referrals must be supported by one of the following medical professionals:

- consultant paediatrician or adolescent psychiatrist
- consultant child psychiatrist
- hospital consultant
- CAMHS at tier 3 or above

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 student;
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required;
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the student is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully.

When reintegration is anticipated, the school will work with the local authority to:

- Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the student to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible.
- Enable the student 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.
- Ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for students to access assessments such as extra time and rest breaks
- Ensure equitable access to all for extra-curricular activities which could include personalised support
- Ensure safety of site management with familiarisation of easy access ramps and lifts and high visibility markings of steps.
- Use of safe and quiet spaces for sensory breaks and unstructured times
- Student profile circulated to all staff for appropriate sharing of information
- Medical needs plans put in place if required e.g. taking of medication or monitoring of blood sugars.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- The Accessibility plan
- The Inclusion and SEND policy
- Supporting students with medical needs policy