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 our local authority:
https://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk/education/equality-and-inclusion/medical-needs

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

- It will normally be Mrs Sawyer (SENDCO), Mrs Kidd (Headteacher/DSL) or Mrs McGhee (Deputy Head/ADSL) who make alternative arrangements in school.
- Dependent on circumstances, work may be sent home, set on an electronic learning platform, or emailed. Every situation will be dealt with individually to ensure the best arrangements are put in place.
- Arrangements will be set up by phone, email or meeting.
- The arrangement will be monitored at least every 2 weeks and when appropriate, a reintegration will be agreed upon, over a period of a few weeks if necessary.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

Please refer to the document below in order to understand this process:

https://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk/education/equality-and-inclusion/medical-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
    - 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 SENDCo, Mrs Sawyer.

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