



Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School



Approved Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

Approved by Full Governing Body: 20 March 2024

Signed

Chair of Governors.

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To be reviewed: March 2028, or dependent on any legislative changes

Safeguarding Statement:

'Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of all children and expects all staff, parents, governors and volunteers to share this commitment.'

Our Vision

As a Catholic school that puts Christ at the centre, we are committed to encouraging everyone to 'Be the Best They Can Be'

Values and Ethos

We believe that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and we value the equality of all, reject discrimination of any kind, and welcome the diversity of different cultures.

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.

3. The responsibilities of the school

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that all children have equality of opportunity, including those who are unable to attend school due to health issues.

It is, however, the local authority's responsibility to ensure that children within the city have a proper educational provision

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 Inclusion Manager will lead the school's response to each relevant child's needs
- The class teacher will be the initial contact and provider of suitable work for the child, but in the case of a child having SEND, then s/he will be supported by the Inclusion Lead/SENDCO
- Parents/Carers will be involved in the process and discussions will be held with them to identify the child's physical ability to complete work set and establish potential work patterns
- When the child is ready to return to school, further discussions will be held with parents/carers and potentially any involved other professionals to set out a clear plan for reintegration. Depending upon each child's needs, this may involve initial short visits, a phased introduction of days or part days. The plan will be agreed by all concerned.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Coventry Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions