



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 Southfields 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 Southfields Primary

3.1 If Southfields makes arrangements

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

The pastoral team will make contact with the parents and other professionals involved, alongside the class teacher, will monitor any arrangements made. Arrangements may include work packs, online

resources, challenges, and hospital schoolwork. These arrangements will be communicated with parents using a range of communication tools such as video conferencing, phone call and email. We will work with parents and Southfields SENCo to reintegrate pupils back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If Southfields cannot make suitable arrangements, Coventry LA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, Southfields 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 Southfields, 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 board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Remote learning policy
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions