



St Adrian's Catholic Primary School

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy 2020
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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

This policy only relates to medical absences; other absences, especially any unauthorised ones, will not be given educational support.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority. 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.

- All pupils may be absent from school from time to time due to minor illnesses. No additional provision is made for short absence, however the classteacher will ensure that the pupil can reintegrate successfully on their return.
- If the absence is prolonged and the pupil is no longer in the acute phase, additional support may be given.
- Where appropriate, the class teacher will liaise with the parent/carer and will provide work for the pupil. Any work returned to the school will be marked in line with school practice and guidance will be given to the pupil.
- When the pupil is ready to return to the classroom, the classteacher will work with the family to ensure a successful re-integration. This may include a phased return. The school's SENDCo may also be involved if appropriate.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

- If the medical absence extends beyond six weeks, the school may submit a referral to the local authority's ESTMA service (Educational Support Team for Medical Absences)



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- The ESTMA team will work with the pupil, their family and the school to ensure that the pupil's education continues as normally as possible. The team will also facilitate re-integration back into school.

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 Full Governing Body

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions