



# Orchard Partnership Academies Children with health needs who cannot attend school



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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 (LA)

### 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

It is also based on guidance provided by local authority.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

Any educational provision for a child with additional health needs will be discussed with parents/carers first. Parents/carers have a key role to play in their child's education and can provide helpful information to ensure that the teaching approach is successful. In the case of a looked after child, local authority representatives and primary carers would fulfil this role. Children will also be involved in decisions, their engagement dependent on their age and maturity. This supports the LA and the school in providing the right educational provision with which the child is able to engage. The LA will remind schools that they cannot remove pupils from their roll because of an additional health need without parental consent and certification from the school medical officer, even if they are being supported by the Hospital and Home Tuition Service (Education (Pupil Registration) England Regulations 2006)

#### 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.

We will:

- Set up a meeting between Head of School, SENDCO and parents
- Discuss what arrangements could be made (e.g. sending work home, hospital schools)
- Discuss how we'll reintegrate pupils back into school

### **3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements**

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

Please see <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/directory/9/council-policies-strategies-and-procedures/category/58> for further information

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 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