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Lightcliffe C of E Primary School

# **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Children with health needs  
who cannot attend school

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# Children with health needs who cannot attend school

## 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 is also based on guidance provided by our local authority. This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

## 3. Responsibilities of the academy

### 3.1 If the academy makes arrangements

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

This may include a package of remote learning, live online lessons, or sending work home.

A reintegration meeting will be held prior to the child returning to ensure that the child is reintegrated back into the academy successfully.

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the academy can't make suitable arrangements, Calderdale Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these pupils.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the academy 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. At every review, it will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

#### 5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following academy policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions