



Twyning School

Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

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This policy aims to ensure that suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs. In addition, pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority. It also reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#). The LA are responsible for arranging suitable full-time education for children of compulsory school age who, because of illness, would not receive suitable education without such provision. This applies whether or not the child is on the roll of a school and whatever the type of school they attend.

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Gloucestershire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. The Head teacher will take advice from the Local Authority when it is felt the school can no longer meet the needs of the child in 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

Further information from GCC can be found at:

[la-guidance-for-schools-supporting-pupils-with-medical-needs-amended-5917.pdf](#)
(gloucestershire.gov.uk)

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions