



# Children with health needs who cannot attend school Bamburgh 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

### 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 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.

- A member of the Senior Leadership Team and the Coordinator for Inclusion and Healthcare are responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements.
- Work will be collated from all staff who teach the child, this work will be sent home and returned for marking once complete. More work will be sent if the child is not able to attend.
- A senior lead will arrange a meeting with parents/health professionals and other service involved with the child. A plan will be discussed based on the child's health needs. If the child is expected to be absent for a long period, A senior leader will apply for medical/home school tuition.
- Reintegration into school  
As above, a plan will be discussed based upon the child's health needs and appropriate timetables/phased return will be put in place if required. This will be reviewed weekly with a view to gradually extending time in school.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, The Medical Home School team will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- In order to decide if arrangements are 'suitable' Parents and Senior lead (Claire Chamberlain) will discuss the child's health needs and if or when the child can access school. Reduced timetables or phased returns (post-surgery) will be discussed, advice from other health professionals where necessary. Medical home school will be applied for, to cover times when the child is at home or cannot attend at all.
- There will be regular review meetings with parents and the medical/home school team, to discuss length of absence, phased returns and additional support if required. Length of absence is usually governed by advice from healthcare professionals.

### **3.2.1 Referring a child to the local authority**

- A referral will be sent to the medical home school team by a senior leader (Claire Chamberlain).
- A teacher will be allocated to work with the child at home.
- The teacher will liaise with school staff to gather all of the relevant work and materials to enable them to work with the child at home.

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 Claire Chamberlain (Deputy 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
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions