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CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY

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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, 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](#).

3. The responsibilities of the school

The school will work in conjunction with the child, their parents, and the health professional involved at all times to ensure effective communication takes place and that the needs of the child are clear to all. The school will primarily be guided by the health professionals in charge of the child's care to determine what level of education the child is able to receive remotely. If the student is off school unwell the school will not automatically set work for them to complete unless it is deemed necessary and advisory by the health professional involved.

The school will liaise with all agencies involved in the child's care including Gloucestershire Hospital Education Service (GHES) if the health professionals refer them to the service.

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.

- This initial point of contact will be the child's tutor and their community team. They will try to understand the individual circumstances, what is needed and what can be done to support them.
- Students will have access to online resources within the school's Google Classroom suite and other whole school platforms e.g. GCSEPod.
- The school will liaise with the student and their parents via meetings either in person or online or if not possible over the phone.
- When the child is ready to reintegrate back into school we will work closely alongside them, yourself and the medical team involved to ensure that the reintegration is carefully planned and delivered according to their needs.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements Gloucestershire Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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 student
- 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 student to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
- Enable the student 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 Deputy Headteacher.

At every review, it will be approved by the Full Governing Body.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility Plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions