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## Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School

**Date: September 2019**

Executive Headteacher: Sarah Watson  
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Due for review: Autumn Term 2021

The Trust recognises that all students who are unable to attend school because of health needs are entitled to a high-quality education and the Trust is committed to ensuring that the needs of vulnerable students are met.

The schools within the Trust follow the Trust's attendance procedures for students unable to attend school due to their health, including liaising with medical professionals, the education safeguarding service and holding multi-agency meetings. The schools will consider putting in place part time or flexible timetables for these students and will make referrals for Early Help Assessments (EHAs) when appropriate. If after applying a graduated response a student continues to be unable to attend school, referral will be made to the area Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) for medical tuition.

Students will be supported to be prepared for and entered for public examinations and national tests. Special arrangements for external examinations will be discussed and agreed at review meetings for individual students.

Further information can be found in the Somerset Local Authority policy for the education of children and young people unable to attend school because of health needs.

[https://www.somerset.org.uk/iPost/iPost%20Documents/Children%20with%20health%20needs%20FINAL%20Sept%202016%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.somerset.org.uk/iPost/iPost%20Documents/Children%20with%20health%20needs%20FINAL%20Sept%202016%20(2).pdf)