



**All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Children with health needs who cannot attend school

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<u>Review Programme</u>	
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'Christ is our Light'

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 All Souls Catholic Primary 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 who in the instance of the policy being applied, will be contacted for support.

3. The responsibilities of the school

As a Catholic school, which aspires to our mission statement of 'Christ is our Light', we are committed to ensuring that all children have equality of opportunity, including those who are unable to attend school due to health issues.

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.

The school's inclusion manager would make contact with parents and alongside the class teacher and well-being support assistant will monitor and arrangements made. Arrangements may include work packs, challenges and hospital school work. It may also involve remote access to learning that is taking place within the classroom. In each instance the school will consider the individual needs, the potential impairment of the pupil and capacity both physically and emotionally to engage in learning. If equipment such as laptops are deemed to be appropriate, the school will seek to provide these for the duration of the pupil being away from the school. These arrangements will be communicated and devised with parental input and the school will seek to maintain in regular contact via telephone, email and video conferencing. When possible, the school will work with parents to plan a reintegration back to school, which may be phased.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

In such cases, the school's SENDCO or Headteacher would engage with the LA's responsible officer and discussions would be held as to how those arrangements will proceed.

In such 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 the 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

6. Policy Update Log

2024-25	- No changes