

The Croft Primary School
Children Who Cannot Attend School
Due to Medical Needs Policy 2023



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

Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

Please see document

Children who are missing in Education due to health/medical needs. Protocol and Good Practise Guidance for further detailed information.

This can be located at www.staffordshireconnects.info

The Responsibilities of the School and the Local Authority

Staffordshire Local Authority will be responsible for arranging suitable full time education for children who reside in Staffordshire who are of compulsory school age who, because of illness would otherwise not receive a fulltime education.

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. However, after 15 consecutive or cumulative days the LA should provide the education.

The school will work with the LA alternative provisions, healthcare professionals and families to ensure that the provision is suitable and meets the needs of individual children.

At The Croft Primary School the Head teacher, The SENDCO and class teacher will work together with appropriate health care professionals to ensure that the provision is in the best interests of the child and meets their needs physically and mentally.

Initially a range of strategies may be employed to provide a suitable education. These may include:

- Remote learning using online platforms
- Hospital school
- 1 to 1 tutors

The school will refer to case to the County Manager for Targeted Services and the local support team and initiate an Early Help Assessment which will inform an agreed personalised care plan.

The school may not remove a child from roll without the parents consent and certification from the school medical officer.

In cases where Staffordshire 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

Arrangements will be monitored and reviewed by a team of staff who work with the individual child and have a clear understanding of their needs.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the DFE document [Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#)

Further information can also be found on Staffordshire Connects website
<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=cwhbuUNF4cc>

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