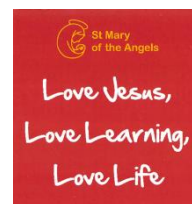


St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Children with health needs who cannot come to school



Building on previous policy from: *September 2024*

To be next reviewed: *September 2025*

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. Cheshire West has an Education Access Team to support us. This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

The responsibilities of the school

The school is initially responsible for the child's education. It may be necessary depending on limitations due to the medical needs of the child, to involve the Local Authority; this policy outlines this further.

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 headteacher will work with class teachers to provide learning opportunities for pupils who are going to require extended time from school.

For short illnesses (a few days), we wish children to recuperate and will not provide work in general.

The headteacher will direct any work, via the class teacher. It may be on paper or more usually on Google Classroom

Parents will be consulted as regularly as necessary, via text, email, Google Meet or telephone – whatever is the best for both parties

Children will be reintegrated taking into account their medical needs, initially by headteacher and parents, but with reference to any third party agencies if needed. This may include invoking a TAF.

The school will also refer to the guidance as published in:

[Summary of responsibilities where a mental health issue is affecting attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements Cheshire West and Chester LA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

[The Education Access Team](#) fulfils the Local Authority's (LA), statutory and strategic responsibilities to support pupils of statutory school age who are unable to attend school, due to a medical condition. The team will arrange an appropriate educational offer for the pupil, as their health condition allows.

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

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Attendance Policy