Dunnington C of E VA Primary School

Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

We Care, We Believe, We Succeed – Together

Our Christian Vision

'Encourage one another and build each other up' (1, Thessalonians 5: 11)

Our Vision is to place the child at the heart of everything we do. It is to work together, where everyone encourages each other to be a partner in learning.

We aim to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating community, where every child is given the opportunity to reach their true potential and to celebrate their successes. Within our learning environment, children will:

- Develop a thirst for knowledge, they will be encouraged to raise questions and develop their thinking and learning skills
- Develop physically, emotionally and spiritually, ensuring they are equipped for the ever-changing and demanding world in which we live

In our school we will:

- Respect each other's beliefs
- Care for each other and the environment
- Connect with the wider community

In learning and teaching we will set high standards and aspire for excellence in everything we do, ensuring that our curriculum is relevant and purposeful. We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children are challenged in their thinking, discover their talents, achieve to the best of their abilities and become motivated and resilient life-long learners.

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1. Aims

The school aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents/carers understand what our school is responsible for when education is being provided by the local authority (LA) https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-send/supporting-children-young-people-medical-needs-school/2

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the following legislation:

- The Education Act 1996
- The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006

It is also based on the following statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE):

- Alternative provision
- Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school

This policy also follows guidance provided by our local authority.

3. Responsibilities of the school

As a school we have a responsibility to make sure that the academic and pastoral needs of our children are met.

Where children cannot attend school because of medical reasons, we will consider implementing remote learning. We will also ensure that children have regular contact, either by phone or video call, with their class teacher to remain as much part of the class as possible.

If children have long term medical conditions, we will work with families on an individual basis to support pupils appropriately. This may include:

- Offering remote learning and contact with class teachers as appropriate
- Liaising with other education professionals (e.g. hospital school staff) to ensure that there is continuity in the child's education for the period that they are unable to attend school.

- Organising home learning sessions through the vulnerable learners team, if appropriate, to support children who have long term medical conditions that mean they cannot attend school.

Families will be consulted at all stages of making these arrangements to ensure that they are suitable, and change as necessary to meet the needs of the child.

The headteacher will be responsible for overseeing these arrangements, in conjunction with the SENDCO.

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 with other policies

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Accessibility plan