



Truro and Penwith
Academy Trust



Kehelland
Village
School

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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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 the 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.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the school

Cornwall Council in their 2019 policy outlines the school's responsibilities as:

School Responsibilities

Schools are required by law to make arrangements to support any pupil with a health / medical condition. This duty is detailed in Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and in the Department for Education's Statutory Guidance Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions.

Schools should also be mindful of the non-statutory guidance Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools November 2018.

Pupils at school with health / medical conditions should be properly supported with an appropriate Health Care Plan so that they have full access to education, including school trips and physical education.

Cornwall Council does not consider in itself schoolwork being sent home to be a suitable education. A suitable education should consider the age, aptitude and ability and the medical / health needs of the pupil. It should include teaching by a teacher, whether through online, group or one-to-one provision.

Whilst independent schools are under no legal obligation to follow the statutory guidance, the non-statutory advice within this document is intended to assist and guide independent schools in promoting the wellbeing and academic attainment of children with health / medical conditions.

Schools and their governing bodies should ensure that they have a policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions, which is reviewed regularly and is readily accessible to parents/carers and school staff.

The policy should include:

- a named person who has overall responsibility for policy implementation
- the procedures to be followed whenever a school is notified that a pupil has a medical condition
- the role of individual Health Care Plan, and who is responsible for their development
- the roles and responsibilities of all those involved in the arrangements they make to support pupils at school with medical conditions

- how staff will be supported in carrying out their roles regarding pupils with medical conditions
- arrangements for whole school awareness training so that all staff are aware of the school's policy for supporting pupils with medical conditions and their role in implementing that policy
- arrangements for condition specific training to enable staff to support pupils
- arrangements for children who are competent in managing their own health needs and medicines
- the procedures to be followed for managing medicines
- what should happen in an emergency situation
- arrangements that actively support pupils to participate in school trips/visits and sporting activities
- how complaints may be made and will be handled concerning the support provided to pupils with medical conditions

Schools should also have robust systems in place to ensure that any alternative education provision arrangements that are put in place meet the needs of the pupil.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/41104850/supporting-children-who-are-unable-to-attend-school-becauseof-medical-or-health-needs-policy-november-2019.pdf>

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 names person responsibility at Kehelland Village School is the Headteacher – Ellie Watkins

The SENDCo will be responsible for the provision support within the individual Health Care Plan, they will work with the class teacher to provide educational support in line with the IHCP and to liaise with health care professional involved to suitable and appropriate provision is made.

The school will work to provide educational provision that best meets the needs of the pupils unable to attend via, remote provision, supporting hospital school provision or via the CHES team.

Parents and Children will be consulted at all points throughout the provision planning and during half termly reviews.

Pupils will be reintegrated back into school following a plan, written in consultation with health professionals, parents children and staff. Staff training needs will drive the plans timing and a reduced timetable will be considered as appropriate.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Cornwall Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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

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
- SEND Policy
- SEND Information report