



Scholes (Holmfirth) Junior and Infant School

Children with Health Conditions who Cannot Attend School Policy

Approved by:	Date Approved:	Due for review no later than:
Governors	October 2022	October 2023

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. <https://secure2.sla-online.co.uk/v3/Resources/Page/13143>

3. The responsibilities of the school

Education will be provided to all pupils on roll within what health advice is given to school and families. School has provision in place for where this learning can take place remotely. *See Remote Education Policy*. All plans will be made with and in the agreement of parents or those with carer responsibility for the affected child.

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.

- School will aim to meet the parents at the first convenient opportunity for the family to discuss their child's ongoing education if the absence is expected to be more than one school week.
- In the first instance, the SENDCo or Headteacher will meet/speak with the parent(s) to discuss what can take place and the best way to meet this need.
- Class teachers will be involved in setting the content and expectations for this work taking place and be responsible for the setting and assessment of work.
- A child will not be penalised for non-completion of any work resulting from a medical need.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Kirklees LA 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.