



Ombersley Endowed First School & Pre-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 Worcestershire Children's first. (WCF/Local Authority).

3. The responsibilities of the school

Initially, Ombersley Endowed First School & Pre-School will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. We will do this in accordance with the Guidance for Worcestershire Schools: Supporting children with medical difficulties (including those who cannot attend school). Appendix 1.

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. In consultation with the Headteacher, SENDCO and class teacher, arrangements could include;

- Working collaboratively with parents and other professionals to develop arrangements to meet the best interests of children with healthcare needs.
- Developing and monitoring individual healthcare plans if requested by WCF. (Supported by the Senior Officer for Vulnerable Learners)
- Ensuring the arrangements put in place to meet pupils' health needs are fully understood and acted upon by all those involved
- Supporting visit leaders in completing risk assessments for school visits, holidays, and other school activities outside of the normal timetable
- Liaising with the education providers and parents to determine pupils' programmes of study whilst they are absent from school.
- Supplying pupils' education providers with information about the child's capabilities, progress and outcomes.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Worcestershire Children's First will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

Schools must not remove a child with medical issues from its roll unless:

- a) they have been certified by a medical practitioner as unlikely to be in a fit state of health to attend school before ceasing to be of statutory education age; and
 - b) neither the child nor parent has indicated the intention to continue to attend the school, after ceasing to be of statutory education age; OR
 - c) the parent has written to the school to inform the school that other arrangements are in place for the child's education.
- 5.3. Where a child is taken off roll, the school must inform the LA of the child's destination. The LA will monitor all children who are Electively Home Educated.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- a) Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- b) Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- c) 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
- d) When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - i. 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
 - ii. Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
 - iii. Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. 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
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy

Signed: *C Moore*

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