



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 is also based on guidance provided by the local authority.

This policy complies with CLT's funding and articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the school

At Challney High School for Girls we work with students, parents and carers to ensure that suitable education is arranged for pupils who cannot attend school on medical grounds. Information on this can be found on the local offer and via Department for Education.

<https://directory.luton.gov.uk>

[DfE guidance](#)

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 SENDCO and Year team are responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Initially, teachers will set work on the google classroom for students to access from home
- If students are admitted to hospital the SENDCO will liaise with the hospital education team
- As parents make school aware of absences due to medical needs parents will be consulted about arrangements for learning while at home
- Challney High School for Girls have received training on recognising Emotional Based School avoidance and incorporate this in our work with pupils and families in order to ensure supportive strategies are in place
- Regular contact will be made with the families of students if they are unable to attend school on medical grounds
- In most cases Challney High School for Girls will ask for medical evidence to support the absence
- When a student is ready to be reintegrated back into school we will work with the student, family and relevant agencies and professionals to agree a suitable plan.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

- If a medical need causes a long term absence from school and there is medical evidence that deems a student unfit to attend school on medical grounds Challney High School for Girls are required to contact Steve Porter, Luton Borough Council and submit a referral.

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 SENDCO. 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