

HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL ST. ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY STATEMENT FOR DEALING WITH PUPILS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL DUE TO HEALTH OR MEDICAL ISSUES

**'Help us to carry one another's burdens,
and in this way you will obey the law of Christ'
Galatians 6:2**

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to set out the procedure and actions the School will take to support children who are unable to attend School due to health issues.

This may be due to long term chronic health problems or more short term issues such as isolation due to COVID-19.

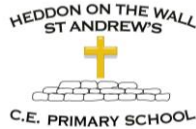
The School is clear that health issues should not impact upon the outcomes for children or their ability to engage with their learning.

Therefore the School will seek to enable the children attend as much as is safe and possible for them to do so.

Procedures

Upon being informed that a child is unable to attend for medical or health reasons the School will:

- Speak to parents to ascertain the current position in regards to the health and needs of the child;
- Contact medical professionals who are involved in supporting the child and family to seek their views on the child attending School including any support which can be provided and adjustments that may be required, including partial or reduced timetables;
- School would request a medical plan from healthcare professionals to help shape the educational provision during the period of absence;
- The Local Authority would be informed that the child is unable to attend School due to health or medical reasons;
- If the child has an Education, Health and Care Plan an urgent review will be held to discuss the situation in regards to the child's inability to attend. This may include a recommendation that education is delivered via a hospital School or individual home tuition;
- Remote Education would be activated for the child immediately. This would be in line with [DfE best practice](#) and would mirror the work being delivered in School as



far as possible. Hardcopies or an internet enabled device would be provided upon request;

- For longer term absences the School would complete a partial timetable request from the Local Authority;
- Regular review meetings would take place involving School, parents, medical professionals and the child, to seek their views where appropriate, to ensure that the educational provision is appropriate and to look at ways to reintegrate back into School which may include a staggered return to full time education over a number of weeks.

The actions above are not meant to be an exhaustive list and outline general principles. All medical and health needs involving children are individual and will be explored on a case by case basis and actions not listed above may need to be taken following medical advice.

Monitoring and Review

This policy and procedure will be monitored and reviewed every two years by the full Academy Committee. Where there are issues with the way the policy and / or procedure are working, these will be looked at closely with a view to identifying measures to improve their effectiveness.

Document Record

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