



# **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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

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

### 3/3.1 The responsibilities of the school

Raddlebarn Primary & Nursery School will regularly keep in contact with BCC with regards to those students who are being educated elsewhere because of medical needs. For students who are not in school, for a shorter period of time due to health needs school will decide to deliver a suitable education for the students. Class teachers are responsible for providing an education to those children who are on roll and are not currently attending Raddlebarn. Work will be set by the teacher and parents asked to collect or posted out to them. Raddlebarn will also signpost parents to Oak ~Academy, which was used for some online learning during the Covid 19 pandemic. If children are away from school, there will be regular communication with home and possibly home visits, if deemed necessary. When a child is ready to return to Raddlebarn, a preliminary meeting will be held to ensure that the child's needs are provided with a suitable timetable.

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

The local authority procedures would take over responsibility when a child has been absent for a long period of time, and medical evidence has not been given to the school. School and BCC will always attempt to keep in contact by conducting home visits etc. School and BCC would follow Fast Track procedures if deemed suitable at the time.

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. 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