



Thames Ditton Infant School

Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy 2023/24

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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
- The school will seek advice and support from linked Surrey Inclusion Officer in all cases

3. The responsibilities of the school

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.

A member of the Senior Leadership Team is accountable for the education and wellbeing of any children with health needs who cannot attend school.

Our school will make weekly arrangements best suited to the circumstances of the child, these might include: Sending work home, making use of hospital schools, providing recorded lessons.

All arrangements for the provision of education will be made in consultation with the parents and the medical team in addition if possible.

The aim, in all cases, is to reintegrate children back into school as soon as they are fit to do so. This will be done in consultation with the parents and the medical team. Transition arrangements might include: home visits from key staff, part time timetables, supported home lessons.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the Surrey Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

The suitability of arrangements made for a child with health needs who cannot attend school are agreed on a case by case basis. Decisions are made in consultation with the Surrey Local Authority, the parents and the medical team.

A referral to the attached Surrey Local Authority Inclusion Officer will be made as appropriate.

The school will follow the referral procedures.

In cases where the Surrey Local Authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the Surrey Local Authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Share information with the Surrey 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 Surrey 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 every year.. At every review, it will be approved by the Curriculum & Data Committee / Safeguarding & Wellbeing Committee.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions