



Children with Health Needs who cannot attend school Policy

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Next review due: March 2028

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 our local authority. To access this please go to the following website <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/> Once on the website, use the search bar on the right hand top corner and type in **MES**. This will take you to the North Yorkshire Medical Education Service page. Here it will give you detailed information on what the **MES** do and how they can support. There are also useful documents and links to other web pages.

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.

- The Headteacher and SENDCo will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- This could involve sending work home and/or liaison with NYCC Medical Education Service
- We will consult parents and children about these arrangements
- We will sensitively reintegrate pupils back into school

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, NYCC will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. This will also involve communication with NYCC Medical Education Service.

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 pupil can be reintegrated successfully back into school

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 stays 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 pupil returning to school
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed by Colburn Community Primary School's full governing board on an annual basis.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions
- Equality and Accessibility Plan
- SEND Policy
- SEND Information Report