St. Martin's Church of England (Aided) Primary School



Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5v13

"St. Martin's School isn't just a school, it's a family. Firmly rooted in the Christian faith, the St. Martin's family will share the love of Christ with our diverse school community – all unique and special, made in God's image, with everyone welcomed and included."

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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://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/medical-education-service

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

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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 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 by the governing body.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Supporting pupils with medical conditions

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