



FERRYHILL SCHOOL

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, Durham. Further information from Durham County Council, can be found at:

[Education for children out of school or in hospital due to medical or mental health needs - Durham County Council](#)

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

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.

- Staff that may be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements are listed below:
 - Mrs K Picard; Head of School - kpi@ferryhill.school
 - Mrs C Craddock – Head of Year – ccr@ferryhill.school
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- Mrs H Young – Head of Year – hyo@ferryhill.school
 - Miss G Bowden; SENCo & DSL – gbo@ferryhill.school
 - Mr S Handley; Assistant Headteacher, Deputy DSL – sha@ferryhill.school
- Arrangements may include; providing resources to support working at home, considering a reduced or adapted timetable, a referral to Education Health Needs Team or other support services, as is appropriate to each individual's level of need
 - Parents/carers and children will be kept informed about these arrangements through regular telephone and email contact, and where relevant, review meetings.
 - Ferryhill School will enable the student to stay in touch with school life as much as possible; newsletters, emails etc
 - Ferryhill School have a responsibility to notify the Education Health Needs team if a pupil is or is likely to be absent from school because of medical or identified mental health problems for more than 15 working days
 - Our overriding aim, and that of the Education Health Needs Team, is to reintegrate students back into school wherever possible. This will be supported with regular home-school communication and meetings to review and monitor progress. School will agree an individually tailored reintegration plan for each child returning to school and consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made. Support from other relevant services may also be sought if appropriate.

3.2 IF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Durham Local Authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. In cases where the local authority make 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

For further information visit: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/31514/Students-with-health-needs/pdf/EducationHealthNeeds.pdf?m=637865877673930000>

4. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

This policy will be reviewed annually by the SENCo. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

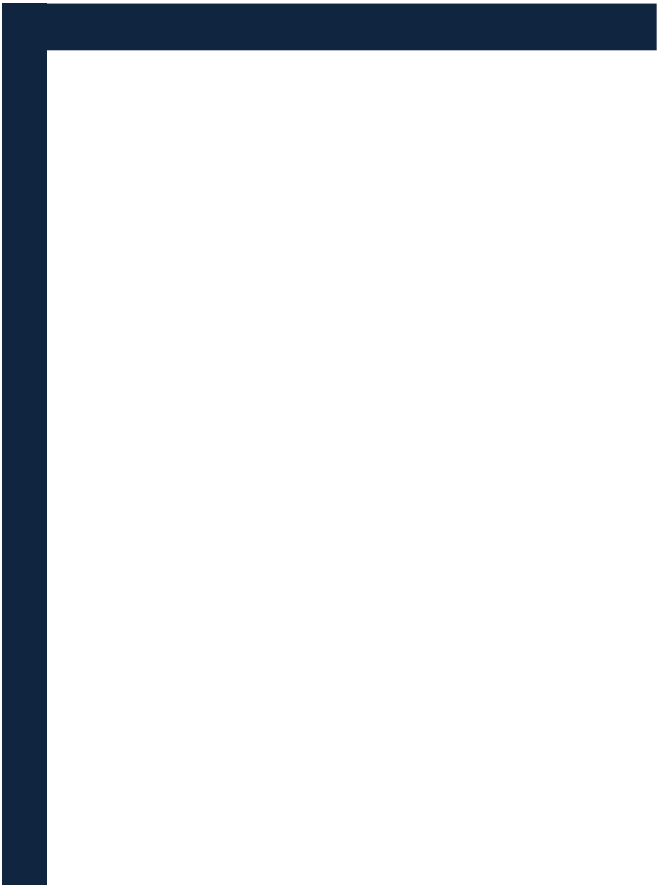
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5. LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

This policy links to the following policies and procedures:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- Equality, Diversity and Cohesion
- Attendance



Policy Responsibility: Miss G Bowden