

# Pupils with Health Needs who cannot attend School Policy



**SILVER BRIDGE**  
SCHOOL

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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: [Somerset policy for the education of children and young people unable to attend school because of health needs](#).

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

The majority of students at Silver Bridge School will already have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) in place that details additional support and provision requirements. Multi- professional meetings will be held on a regular basis for any student with medical needs. The review of those meetings is to ensure that the current individual healthcare plan for the student is supported and reflected in their education provision.

#### 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 school can provide work packs or access to work for students on a temporary basis whilst they are absent or unable to attend school for medical reasons. Consideration to which aspects of the curriculum will be prioritised will be done with consultation with students, family/carer and support agencies.

Each student will have an identified member of the school staff team with whom they can liaise

The school will assess and create individually tailored reintegration plans for each student returning to school

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Somerset local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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 by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the proprietor/governance body.

#### **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions