



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 students on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Students, 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](#).

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

3. Responsibilities of the school.

RDUTC will make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school, providing evidence from a suitably qualified medical practitioner is provided to support the absence.

The Principal is responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements, working closely with the relevant pastoral Team.

Arrangements are personalised to the specific needs of the student, but may include:

- Remote learning
- Home tuition
- Short-term, part-time timetables, although these are only agreed **under exceptional circumstances** and in combination with remote learning
- Referral to the Sullivan Centre (TSC) – a Medical PRU with Outstanding Ofsted rating - for home tuition or a short-term placement (dual registered to RDUTC and TSC)

A meeting is held in the school, or the student's home to discuss and agree the arrangements that are to be put in place with the parents and student.

Regular reviews of the arrangements take place to allow provision to be adapted to the student's medical needs.

If placed at TSC, attendance is checked daily by the RDUTC Attendance Officer and a member of the Pastoral Team visits the student regularly at TSC.

Once the student is able to return to RDUTC, an integration plan is developed with the student and parents. This can involve:

- Reintegration timetable combining remote learning with an increasing in-school timetable
- Part-time lessons and part-time working in the relevant Pastoral office

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed and approved regularly by the Governing Board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
 - Supporting Students with Medical Conditions
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