



BEECHWOOD
Primary School

**CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS THAT
CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL**

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Spring Term**

Approved by: **Engagement & Wellbeing Committee**

Date:

Last reviewed on: **January 2024**

Next review due by: **January 2025**

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1. Rationale:

The Headteacher, governing body and staff of Beechwood Primary School are committed to raising standards, establishing high expectations and promoting effective teaching and learning for every child on roll at the school regardless of any new or pre-existing medical conditions which prevent them for attending the setting.

2. 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.

3. Legislation and Guidance:

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by the Local Authority.

4. The Responsibilities of the School:

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

The Inclusion Lead will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements. This may include organising with the class teacher for work to be sent home or liaising with hospital schools.

When a parent contacts the school, to provide information about their child's inability to attend school due to medical reasons, the Inclusion Lead will set up a telephone or face-to-face appointment to discuss the case in detail. At the meeting, the frequency and form of work will be discussed.

After a period of absence due to a medical condition, the Inclusion Lead will oversee the pupil's re-integration into the class and school life.

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Cheshire East 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);
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school;
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

5. Monitoring Arrangements:

This policy will be reviewed annually by the headteacher and/or Inclusion Lead.

At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

6. Links with other Policies:

This policy is linked to our:

- Accessibility Plan
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions policy
- Inclusion & SEND policy and Information Report

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This policy was reviewed at a meeting of Learning and Outcomes Governor sub-committee, held on _____ and ratified at a meeting of the Full Governing Board held on _____

Date to be reviewed: **January 2025**

Signed:

Name of signatory:

S. Harper

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Role of signatory:

Headteacher

Chair of Governors