

Children With Health Needs Who Are Unable To Attend School Policy



Governing Body

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Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School Mission Statement:

Every one of our children is unique and special. We are committed to providing an exceptional learning experience for each child in our Holy Trinity family.

We strive to enable our children to acquire the knowledge, skills and characteristics they need to be successful in the wider world.

At Holy Trinity, we serve our community with compassion, empathy and kindness in all that we do.

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: [Lambeth Council Guidance](#)

3. The Responsibilities of the School

Your child must still get a full-time education, even if they are ill. They may be able to get help to go to school or be taught outside school.

If your child cannot go to school because of their medical needs:

- our school will organise education for the first three weeks
- they may be able to go to a school at the hospital they are in
- Lambeth Council may arrange education outside school if we think your child is not getting an education, or if your child is ill for more than 15 days.

This education may include:

- home tuition
- access to a hospital school
- a 'virtual' school
- any combination depending on the needs of your child.

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 class teacher and support staff will create the resources for home learning
- The home learning resources and tutorial videos will be uploaded to the school's remote learning platform, Google Classroom.
- Parents will receive a weekly welfare call – any further support required can be discussed during this call.
- We will provide a recovery curriculum for children unable to attend school for a length of time. This will take into account the social, emotional and health needs of the child and their family.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

Lambeth Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children if a child is unable to attend school for a period of 15 days or more.

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 every two years by David Winn, Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to Other Policies

This policy links to our policies on:

- Accessibility Plan
- Attendance and Punctuality Policy
- Equality and Inclusion Policy
- SEND Policy

Policy Adoption, Monitoring and Review

This policy was considered and adopted by the Governing body in line with their overall duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children as set out in the DfE guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2020'

Policy Adopted by Governors in: March 2023

Signature (Chair of governors):

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Policy Due for Review: March 2025