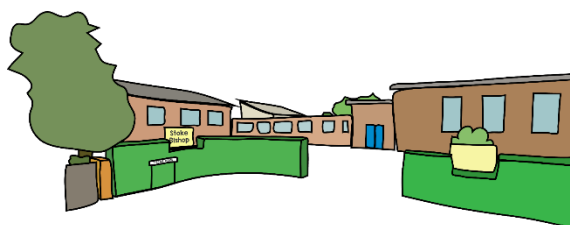


Stoke Bishop Church of England Primary School



Children with health needs who cannot attend 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:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/hospital-education-service>

<https://www.bristolhes.co.uk/>

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.

- Heather-Whittard- Jones, SENDCo, will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements;
- Work will be sent home by the school where this is possible;
- Work may be set in partnership with a hospital school;
- Parents/carers will be consulted before the provision is put in place;
- Pupils will be re-integrated back into school in partnership with the parents/carers, with the plan being dependent on the needs of the individual pupil.

This policy covers all children experiencing any extended disruption to their learning as a result of their health needs, including:

- Those who are in hospital or regular medical setting;
- Children who are continuing to receive extended outreach medical care.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Bristol City Council 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
- Collaborate with the local authority to ensure continuity of provision and consistency of curriculum, including making information available about the curriculum.

- Along with the local authority, regularly review the provision offered to ensure it continues to be appropriate for the child and that it is providing suitable education.
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- When a child has complex or long-term health issues, work with the local authority, parent/carers and the relevant health services to decide how best to meet the child's needs (e.g. through individual support arranging alternative provision or by them remaining at school, being supported at home and back into school after each absence.
- 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 three years by the Headteacher (or earlier if changes to legislation or guidance). At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions