



St Benedict's Catholic High School

Children who cannot attend school due to  
medical issues Policy

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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. [Supporting children and young people with medical needs in school – Warwickshire County Council](#)

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

### 3. The responsibilities of the school

“Support for reintegration to school for children and young people who are recovering from illness, and it has been agreed by the appropriate agencies that they are unable to attend school full-time. This support will be planned in partnership with the school. It will be phased, monitored and, in the interest of achieving a successful reintegration, time limited.” WCC

#### 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.

- Our SENDCo or in their absence our Senior Assistant Principal will make arrangements
- Arrangements that may be made are access to hospital school, remote learning or access to hospital school
- We will meet with parents and children and consult with them on what the best arrangement is for their child.
- When the time comes to reintegrate our young person back into school we will meet with them and their parents and carers to form a reintegration plan.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Warwickshire County 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
- 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 Principal. At every review, it will be approved by the Culture and Ethos Governing Committee.

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

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions