

Alfreton Park School



Children with health needs who cannot attend school

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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.

Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority:

<https://schoolsnet.derbyshire.gov.uk/childrens-support-services/attendance-management/out-of-school-tuition.aspx> of school tuition (derbyshire.gov.uk)

Responsibilities

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

If the school makes arrangements

Ms. Josie O'Donnell, Designated Safeguarding Lead (tel. 01773 483330, email headteacher@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk); and Ms. Charlotte Young, Assistant Headteacher (tel. 01773 483330, email cyoung@alfretonpark.derbyshire.sch.uk) are responsible for coordinating and monitoring these arrangements. Individual class teachers are responsible for making the arrangements. These arrangements will include, but are not limited to:

- Sending paper-based work to the home
- Setting work through the online platform, Purple Mash
- Where funding and/or staffing is available, providing one:one tuition in the home or medical centre either through school or through an external agency.

For referrals based on medical or mental health needs, the referral would need to be supported by medical evidence provided by a consultant, the school medical officer or a CAMHS practitioner. The Derbyshire Out of School Tuition Referral Policy For Children with Medical Needs and School Age Mothers, can be found here: [out-of-school-tuition-referral-policy-for-children-with-medical-needs-and-school-age-mothers.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Parents, pupils, relevant medical professionals and the LA will be consulted about these arrangements. This will be carried out before, during, and after.

A pupil's reintegration back into school will be an individual arrangement. Through discussion with parents, pupils, relevant medical professionals, the LA and the school, the 'best' way forward will be decided. This could include, but is not limited to:

- Full re-integration immediately

- Re-integration on a part-time basis. This could be part-time by the days, or part-time by the number of hours spent in school on a particular basis, or both
- A staggered re-integration whereby the time within school is increased over an agreed period of time depending on conditions being met.

During re-integration discussions, the school will complete a risk assessment, involving relevant parties, to assess whether it is safe for the pupil to return; and to assess if any further reasonable adjustments can be made by the school.

If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Derbyshire LA 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.

Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the Governing Board.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions