

Howe Park School

Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs.



Approved by:

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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/carers understand what Howe Park School and Nursery is responsible for when education is being provided by the local authority (LA)

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the following legislation:

- [The Education Act 1996](#)
- [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

It is also based on the following statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE):

- [Alternative provision](#)
- [Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school](#)

This policy also follows guidance provided by our local authority.

<https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/health-conditions-and-disabilities/children-and-young-people-health-needs>

3. Responsibilities of the school

In the majority of cases, Howe Park School will deliver a suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

- The SENCo/ Key Stage Leader will gather any available health information from the parents/ carers and health professionals involved. This information will be used to ascertain the student's ability to access and complete work set by the school.
- An Individual health Care plan will be set up in collaboration with the parents/ carers and health professionals involved.
- The following strategies will be used where appropriate to access learning:
 - Work set by the school and sent home for the child to complete.
 - Online resources made available to the child.
 - Adult from school to visit child for sessions at home to support learning.
- The SENCo/ Key stage leader will coordinate regular feedback relating to the work being provided by school.
- The SENCo/ Key stage Leader will liaise with families and medical professionals to provide an appropriate phased return to school if deemed necessary.

4. If the local authority makes the arrangements

If our school cannot make suitable arrangements, or if it is clear that a child will be away from school for 15 days (consecutive or over the course of the year) or more because of their health needs, Milton Keynes council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In this event, Howe Park School will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents/carers to ensure the
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully by:
 - Allowing the student to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible.
 - Enabling the child to stay in touch with school life as far as possible.
 - Help make sure that a child can be reintegrated back into school life successfully by planning for the child's return to school.
 - Supporting a part time timetable where appropriate.

5. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

6. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- › Supporting pupils with medical conditions