



PETERBOROUGH KEYS
ACADEMIES TRUST

CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY

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1. Aims

- 1.1 This policy aims to ensure that:
- (a) Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll in PKAT schools who cannot attend school due to health needs
 - (b) 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

- 2.1 This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).
- 2.2 It also based on guidance provided by our local authority and the Department for Education statutory guidance for local authorities 2013, 'Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs.' [DfE guidance](#).
- 2.3 This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the school

If a PKAT school makes arrangements

- 3.1 Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.
- (a) These arrangements will be monitored by the school.
 - (b) These arrangements may include sending work home, hospital schools, on-line tutoring.
 - (c) Parents and children will be consulted about these arrangements
 - (d) When appropriate, pupils and students will be supported in a reintegration back into school

If the local authority makes arrangements

- 3.2 If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Peterborough local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.
- 3.3 In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:
- (a) Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil

- (b) Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- (c) 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
- (d) When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - (i) 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
 - (ii) 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)
 - (iii) Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
 - (iv) Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

4. Monitoring arrangements

4.1 This policy will be reviewed annually by the PKAT CEO at every review, it will be approved by the People and Infrastructure Committee.

5. Links to other policies

5.1 This policy links to the following policies:

- (a) Accessibility plan
- (b) Supporting pupils with medical conditions

6. Version History

6.1 Table of Versions

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