



***Milton Mount Primary School Children with health needs  
who cannot attend school policy  
Issued by the Governors of Milton Mount Primary School***



***Effective from: Summer 2023***

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***Signed by: Lesley King***

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UNCRC – Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education

## **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 also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

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

## **The responsibilities of the school**

### **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.

- The SENDCO will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Arrangements will be made on an individual basis, in conjunction with the family and wider professionals eg, hospital schools
- The school will have weekly check ins with parents (and children if appropriate) about these arrangements – this may be the class teacher or the SENDCO or a member of the inclusion team via zoom or on the phone.
- The school will support the family to stay in with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school)
- We will work in conjunction with parents and professionals to develop a risk assessment and plan to reintegrate pupils back into school which is reviewed on a day to day basis initially. We will create an individual passport that is shared with all members of staff.

### **If the local authority makes arrangements**

This guidance relates to local authorities statutory duties under section 19 of the Education Act 1996. The s. 19 (1) duty states that local authorities are responsible for arranging suitable and (normally) full-time education for children of compulsory school age who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not receive suitable education without such provision.

This means that where a child cannot attend school because of a physical or mental health need, and cannot access suitable full-time education, the local authority is responsible for arranging suitable alternative provision.

### **Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually by Charlotte Hingston/Amanda Duda, SENDCOs. At every review, it will be approved by the full school committee.

### **Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions