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CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy: Children with health needs that cannot be met in school

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School lead: Kahlia Laws

Governor lead: Andrew Teale

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Shine bright your light (Matthew 5: 14-15)

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.

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

3. The responsibilities of the school

The school and the local authority will work together to ensure children's needs are met.

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. This could include sending work home or links with hospital schooling. Decisions about this will be made in consultation with the LA and parents. Together, we will also consider how best to reintegrate children back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Herefordshire 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 Headteacher. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Supporting pupils with medical conditions