



## **Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School**

This policy has been adopted by all schools within The Golden Thread Alliance

Date Approved	
Next Review Date	May 2024

## **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 is based on guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-forchildren-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-school>

This policy complies with our funding agreement and Articles of Association.

## **3. The Responsibilities of the School**

### **3.1 If the school makes arrangements:**

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

- The Assistant Head/Deputy Head for Inclusion and Headteacher/Head of School are responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements,
- Arrangements that could be made may include, but are not limited, to sending work home or a referral to hospital school,
- A health care plan will be completed by the Assistant Head/Deputy Head for Inclusion and the terms agreed by the parents or carers. The plan will be reviewed regularly and any changes to be agreed by all parties. Medical professionals will be asked to provide input to the plans to ensure that the Trust are providing the correct provision for the child's needs.
- A reintegration plan will be created with the agreement of the parents or carers and Assistant Head for Inclusion and tailored for the child's specific needs.

### **3.2 If the Local Authority makes arrangements:**

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, the Local Authority (Kent County Council) will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

In cases where the local authority plans, 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. At every review, it will be approved by the Trust Board.

#### **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

