Balcombe C E (C) School



Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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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 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 and guidance from the local authority

3. The responsibility of the school

Balcombe school is guided by the DFE document Children with health needs who cannot attend school which states that, where a child cannot attend school because of health problems, and they would not otherwise receive a suitable full-time education, the LA is responsible for arranging provision. When the situation arises, the school will therefore contact the West Sussex fair Access Team/Alternative Provision Team.

The Headteacher will be responsible for working with external agencies.

The School office team will be responsible for delivering health care needs of the pupil

The SENCO will be responsible for SEND and inclusion needs.

When liasing with the local authority the school will:

- *Work constructively with the local authority, home education teachers, the hospital where relevant, providers, relevant agencies, and parents to ensure the best outcome 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*

- *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, e mails or invitations to school events)*

- *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 and approved by the Curriculum committee.