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Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

Phoenix Park Academy & Sevenhills Academy

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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 1996](#).

It also based on guidance and expectations provided by the local authority via the Local Offer: <https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk>

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

3. The responsibilities of the school

Local authority guidance on providing education to children with additional health needs is facilitated by the Home Tuition Service. The Home Tuition Service is managed by North East Lincolnshire Local Authority:

<https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/home/parents-and-carers/home-tuition-service/>

The school adheres to general good practice derived from [DfE guidance](#).

3.1 School arrangements

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

- The individual Head of Centre and class teacher will plan provision in consultation with parent/carers
- May include sending work home via work packs and books
- May include home learning technology such as laptops or Chromebooks
- Progress will be reviewed regularly
- Return to school will be kept under constant review

3.2 Local authority arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, North East Lincolnshire local authority will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

This will be facilitated by the Home Tuition Service.

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 Ellie Phillips, Executive SENDCo. 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