



# St Mary's R.C. High School

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## CHILDREN WITH HEALTH NEEDS WHO CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL POLICY

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## 1. Introduction

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 is also based on guidance provided by the local authority.

## 3. The responsibilities of the school

### 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.

In providing this, the school will ensure:

- The SLT Lead (Pastoral) and appropriate Head of Year are responsible for making and monitoring arrangements;
- If appropriate work will be emailed home; or provided via edulink, hard copies can be provided if preferred;
- Discussions may take place surrounding if there is a need for a referral to hospital school;
- Meetings are held with parents and the pupil's Attendance Officer and communication is made with the local authority's Inclusion Officer;
- Part-time timetables and support plans may be discussed to support integration to full time school; and
- Safe and well checks will be carried out by school staff or other professionals.

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Herefordshire LA will become responsible for arranging suitable education for children who cannot attend school due to health needs.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, education providers and relevant agencies 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; and

- When integration 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 school letters, emails and invitation to school events)
  - Create individual tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school; and
  - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

#### **4. Links to other policies**

- Accessibility
- Attendance
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions