



Children with health needs who cannot attend school Policy

May 2024

Statutory policy

Policy Review

This policy was adopted, reviewed and agreed by the Governing Board on 9th July 2024.

It is due for review in May 2025 (up to 1 year from the above date).

Signature Chair of Governors:

Mrs K Redrup

All the governors and staff of Binstead Primary School are committed to sharing a common objective to help keep the children and staff of the school community safe. We ensure that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place in order to support families, children and staff of the school.

Revision Record

Revision No.	Date Issued	Prepared By	Approved	Comments
1	Nov 2021	RC	Y	V1 based on The Key
2	March 2023	RC		No changes
3	May 2024	RC		No changes

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

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.

Contact will be made initially by the School Office to determine the suitability of support.

The Headteacher will contact the Local Authority Inclusion Team for advice.

The Headteacher will liaise closely with the Local Authority, parents and any take on board any medical advice when planning for arrangements.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the Isle of Wight Local Authority 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 Rebecca Chessell, 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