



**BREDON HILL ACADEMY**

**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 1996](#). It also runs concurrently with the [DfE guidance Providing Remote Education : guidance for schools](#).

It also based on guidance provided by Worcestershire Local Authority.

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

### **3.1 Provision in School**

Initially, Bredon Hill Academy will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. This will involve liaison between parents/carers, medical professionals, pastoral team, DSL and any other relevant professionals involved in the child's care.

This provision will be bespoke to the pupil and the situation, taking into account their medical and academic needs.

The following provision may be offered:

- Remote Education
- Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP)
- Work to be completed at home
- Pastoral Support Plan (PSP)
- Part-Time Timetable
- Referral to CCAS (Children who Cannot Attend School)
- Liaising with other professionals such as Education Welfare Officer (EWO), hospital schools, Early Help and Social Care
- Referral to the Medical Education Team (MET)

### **3.2 Alternative Provision**

The DfE define alternative provision as follows: education arranged by local authorities for pupils who, because of exclusion, illness or other reasons, would not otherwise receive suitable education; education arranged by schools for pupils on a fixed period exclusion; and

pupils being directed by schools to off-site provision to improve their behaviour. ([DfE Jan 2013](#))

Alternative provision for children with medical needs can be arranged by school or through the Local Authority.

In some instances, where absence due to illness is short term, school will assess the situation and make arrangements. When absence is likely to be longer and more prolonged, it may be necessary to consider an alternative provision. When making these arrangements Bredon Hill Academy will only refer to a provider that is Ofsted registered. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.

In cases where the absence is more complex, it may be necessary to refer to CCAS where the Local Authority will make arrangements for education to be provided.

### **3.3 Local Authority Arrangements**

In instances where the Local Authority have agreed to provide suitable education for a pupil, the school will continue to work closely with parents/carers to ensure a suitable outcome for the pupil. This provision will be bespoke to the pupil's needs.

## **4. Definitions**

Children who are unable to attend school as a result of their medical needs may include those with:

- Physical health issues
- Physical injuries
- Mental health problems, including anxiety issues
- Emotional difficulties or school refusal
- Progressive conditions
- Terminal illnesses
- Chronic illnesses

## **5. Monitoring**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team.

## **6. Links to Other Policies**

- Attendance Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Remote Education Policy