



Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

Nova Education Trust

The Garibaldi School

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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

This policy sets out our approach to children with health needs who cannot attend school across The Garibaldi School.

Sections 2 and 3 sets out the specific local arrangements for The Garibaldi School.

- 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 provided by the local authority.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/home-education/absence-due-to-illness>

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.

Schools to add more details on areas such as:

- A member of the Student Support team will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- Student Services and Achievement leads will arrange for work to be sent home
- Parents voice will be gathered frequently
- A reintegration plan will be developed by Student Support and families.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Nottinghamshire County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

- › The school Engagement Officer and the Director of Student Engagement will oversee the process of referring to the local authority.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school and trust 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 the Vice CEO.

At every review, it will be approved by the full board of trustees.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- › Accessibility plan
- › Supporting pupils with medical conditions