



## **Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy**

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**Cathedral Schools Trust - St Katherine's School**

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### 1. Rationale and 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 is also based on guidance provided by our local authorities:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol-local-offer/parents-and-carers/health/support-for-children-with-complex-medical-needs>

<https://northsomersetonlinedirectory.n-somerset.gov.uk/kb5/northsomerset/directory/service.page?id=5qjbMEpYDsI&familychannel=5001>

### 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.

- A nominated pastoral member of staff will remain in weekly dialogue with families to monitor progress and agree appropriate curriculum provision
- A nominated pastoral member of staff will lead the reintegration of pupils who return to the school after a period of absence.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the School cannot make suitable arrangements, either Bristol or North Somerset (depending on which local authority the families reside) will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

The school will remain in dialogue with the local authority and family to assess provision and any longer term change which would result in children leaving the roll of the school

#### **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 Academy, 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 Deputy 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
- SEND Policy

**6. Version Control**

Version	Date	Amended by	Recipients	Purpose
1		Education Standards Committee	Members of CST, every Trustee, each Local Governor, all Cathedral Schools Trust employees and volunteers and others at the discretion of the Chairman of the Trustees of CST. CST Website updated and emailed to parents.	Annual Review
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**7. Approvals**

Version	Date	Approved by
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Date for next review of this policy	June 2024	
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