



Children with health needs Who cannot attend school Policy

Policy Title:	Children With Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy
Last Review:	August 2025
Next Review:	August 2026
Responsibility:	Bursar, Designated Safeguarding Lead, Headmaster
Other relevant policies:	Child Protection Safeguarding Policy Admissions and Attendance Policy Accessibility Plan 24-28

1. Aims

At West House School, we aim to ensure that all children, regardless of circumstance or setting receive an excellent education to enable them to shape their own futures, this is in line with the vision of the school. Where children are unable to attend school because of their health, the school will provide work on the short-term basis, but then liaise with the hospital if applicable.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996.

It also based on guidance provided by the Department of Education.

3. The responsibilities of the school

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school:

- Work will be sent to the parent / carer via email. If this is not possible, hard copies will be sent home or to the hospital (if applicable)
- The Headmasters PA will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements, liaising with the class teacher for applicable work.
- Parents / carers will be consulted regularly if the child is off school for more than 2 weeks.
- When the pupil is ready to return to school, a risk assessment will be completed (if it is the child that has been poorly) in how we can reintegrate the pupils safely back into school.
- The family will be able to stay in touch with school life through the website and Engage Portal. Weekly check-ins by the teacher to the family will be completed.

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Assistant Head (Pastoral). At every review, it will include communication with our safeguarding governor.