



The Rivers
C.of E. Academy Trust

Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School

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This document sets out the regulations for the MAT and all member academies

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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/carers understand what the school/setting is responsible for providing

Legislation and Guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the DfE Guidance [Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#). This policy also complies with The Rivers C.of E. Academy Trust's Articles of Association and the Funding Agreement of each setting within the trust.

Responsibilities

In each school/setting, the SENCO is responsible for the education and wellbeing of any children with health needs that cannot attend school and will liaise closely with the appropriate pastoral, or phase leads, when making any arrangements.

Making Arrangements

The school/setting SENCO will:

- Meet with the family to identify the current needs of the pupil, formulate an initial plan and arrange follow up meetings.
- Arrange for an appropriate amount of remote work (paper based or online) to be provided for the pupil if not being provided in a medical setting.
- When appropriate, agree a phased return to school with the parents/carers, pupil and external agencies as required.

Further arrangements:

- The SENCO will consider addition to the Special Education Needs (SEN) register if deemed appropriate considering whether additional and different provision will continue to be required.
- The SENCO will submit an application to the Local Authority home and medical school provision/Section 19 provision if deemed appropriate.
- The SENCo will consider an application for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) if deemed appropriate.