



Furzeham Primary School 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 based on guidance provided by our local authority.

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.

- › Mrs Cunnew will be responsible for making and monitoring these arrangements
- › Arrangements can be made for learning packs to be sent home or to the hospital the child may be staying.
- › Parents will be offered an initial meeting in order to discuss the plans and arrangements in order to meet the needs of the child. The child will also be invited if they are able to attend, or alternative arrangements will be made in order for the meeting to take place in a more appropriate place depending on the circumstances and the ability of the child to attend. A home/ hospital visit can be arranged if necessary.
- › Reintegration back into school will involve careful planning with a multi-agency approach, where advice from all professionals involved, are taken into consideration. A carefully planned transition plan will be arranged with full involvement of child, parent/carers and all professionals involved.

- › Referral to the Medical Tuition Service to be considered (MTS) - [Medical Tuition Service Torbay - Torbay Council](https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/mts-torbay/) or <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/mts-torbay/>

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

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

MTS Torbay provides education to those young people who are unable to maintain an educational programme due to their medical needs.

The criteria for access to MTS Torbay are a diagnosed medical condition that continues to make access to an educational setting too challenging.

It is the ethos of the service that wherever possible the service will support an eventual return to educational schooling when the student is medically fit to do so.

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 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 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
- › Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- › Teaching and Learning
- › Health and Safety
- › Attendance

