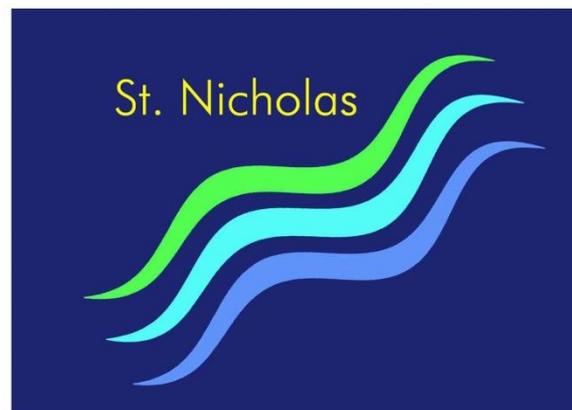


St Nicholas CE Primary School

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

'Joyful is the person who finds wisdom' Proverbs 3:13-15



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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. Further information can be found at https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Schools-and-Learning/SupportforParentsCarersEducational/good_education_child_attend.pdf

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.

The class teacher will in the first instant set up a blended learning plan where pupils are able to have paperpacks of work sent home and are able to access lessons through Google classrooms for an agreed amount of time each day.

Should the situation continue for more than two weeks the hospital schools service will be applied for through the SPA panel by the headteacher or their representative. The class teacher and attendance officer will liaise with the parents and child to arrange home visits and phone calls to keep in touch.

On return SAFS support will be applied for if the child's attendance has dropped below 85%

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Bath and North East Somerset will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. Should the child need education away from school for more than two weeks then a SPA referral will be made

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