

South Baddesley CE Primary School

Children with Medical Needs Who Cannot Attend School

At South Baddesley CE Primary School, we aim to include all pupils and actively adapt our provision to meet their individual needs when necessary.

There are many different ways that we can work with families to support individual pupils; sometimes this may include working alongside professionals from other agencies, including hospital schools.

However, if a child is unable to attend school due to medical needs and we are unable to adapt our provision, then we will seek guidance from the Department of Education and work in partnership with Hampshire County Council to organise appropriate provision for the pupil. In these circumstances, we will work with Hampshire Local Authority to find a suitable full-time provision that will enable:

- ❖ the pupil to make good progress in their education,
- ❖ minimise disruption to learning and there is a continuity of education provision within the school curriculum,
- ❖ pupils to obtain qualifications as appropriate to their age and abilities
- ❖ pupils to reintegrate successfully back into school and that this takes place as soon as their health permits,
- ❖ pupils feel fully part of their school community and are able to stay in contact with classmates.

As a school we recognise that importance of the Local Authority's role and understand that this means they will work with us to:

- ❖ ensure that there is a named senior officer with responsibility for education provision for children with health needs and parents should know who that person is. The named officer for HCC is Jonathan Willcocks, Inclusion Support Service Manager. Jonathan can be contacted via his PA Annette Bailey, annette.bailey@hants.gov.uk
- ❖ HCC's SEN Casework team will work with schools to review any changing needs of a child with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), who is unable to attend school because of their medical needs. The EHCP will link the long-term educational needs associated with the child's medical condition to the most appropriate teaching and learning provision.

- ❖ Inclusions Support Service will provide advice on pupils receiving alternative education provision. This team works closely with colleagues within the local authority, schools and partner agencies to reduce the length of time that children are on reduced timetables, which may be due to their medical needs. This is monitored and schools are held to account through internal systems.

This policy is in accordance with the Hampshire County Council for Educating School Age Children and Young People with Medical Needs.

This policy is reviewed by the Governing Body annually.

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