



# SENDAT

## 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 is also based on guidance provided by our local authorities.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

### 3. The responsibilities of the schools within SENDAT

#### 3.1 School arrangements

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

This could include but is not limited to:

- Physical work packs being sent home
- A laptop with virtual sessions and/or joining class lessons remotely
- At least weekly welfare calls either in person or by phone/Teams.
- A transition plan to support the reintegration to school
- An update to the RBA to ensure the support needed is in place at school

Where ill health may go on for some time a referral in agreement with the parents and carers can be made to the Alternative Tutoring service (ATS) / Medical needs co-ordinator.

#### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, the Local Authority (Suffolk County Council or Norfolk County Council) will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

The arrangements are slightly different between authorities:

#### Suffolk – Alternative Tuition service

<https://infoink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infoink/service.page?id=SzItE2ogFHA&localofferchannelnew=0>

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➤ 01473 263818 [ATS@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:ATS@suffolk.gov.uk)

### **Norfolk - Medical needs coordinator**

The medical needs coordinator is responsible for the education of children with additional health needs in Norfolk. They work with schools and professionals to ensure children and young people with medical needs and those who cannot attend school receive a good education.

#### **Services provided by the coordinator**

- Parents can contact the coordinator to discuss their child's specific circumstances. This may be particularly appropriate if they feel their child's medical needs are not being addressed
- Schools can contact the coordinator to get support, advice and guidance in relation to medical needs

The coordinator will also liaise with professionals and colleagues. This is to ensure children with additional health needs are able to access a suitable education

#### **Contacting the coordinator**

Email: [medicalneeds@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:medicalneeds@norfolk.gov.uk)

Address: Professional Development Centre, 144 Woodside Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR7 9QL

#### **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, and following GDPR
- 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 biannually by CEO. At every review, it will be Presented at the Provision Standards and Attainment committee of the Board of Trustees

## **5. Links to other policies**

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions

