



Children with health needs who cannot attend school

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School Values: A culture of achievement where all can succeed.

At Guildford Grove, we

- are responsible and respectful members of our diverse community
- are empowered to make safe, informed choices
- have high aspirations and a “can do” attitude to learning and we
- develop and foster our individual abilities and interests.

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](#).

3. The responsibilities of the school

Guidance from the Department for Education, directs all schools, including academies to carry out their duty to arrange suitable full-time education (or part time when appropriate for the child’s needs) for children who are unable to attend a school because of their health. [DfE guidance](#).

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 SENDCo, Deputy Headteacher or HSLW will contact the family and discuss with them the medical needs and how they may impact on that child’s ability to learn from home. A plan will be agreed by the school and the family so the best support can be provided.
- Guildford Grove have an online learning platform called Seesaw so if a child was unable to attend school, then education would be provided using the online learning platform.
- All arrangements will be monitored regularly and changes made if required, to suit individual needs.
- When appropriate, support will also be in place to enable the pupil to reintegrate back into school.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

Surrey Local Authority is responsible for arranging suitable full-time education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other children who – because of illness or other reasons – would not receive suitable education without such provision. This means that where a child cannot attend school because of health problems, and would not otherwise receive a suitable full-time education, the LA is responsible for arranging provision and must have regard to this guidance.

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 Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo. 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