



# St Gabriel's CE Primary School

## Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

### Our statement of mission:

Our aim is to nurture children with the confidence and self-belief to achieve their best; to be resilient in their learning and ambitious in their hopes and dreams; to live in harmony, respecting others; to have the courage to think for themselves; to search and question throughout life's journey and, if their paths should lead them, to find a personal faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ.

*Seeking to nurture:*

sel**F**-belief    cour**A**ge    res**I**llience    ambi**T**ion    **H**armony

**“Stand firm... be courageous” 1 Corinthians 16:13**

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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.

- Our school SENCo will oversee these arrangements alongside the class teacher.
- In cases where it is possible, work will be sent home for those children to prevent them falling behind in school.
- Parents will be contacted by the telephone or face-to-face meetings to structure a suitable plan going forward and any areas of concern.
- Depending on the length of time absent, and the reason for absence, we will make an appropriate plan dependent on each individual situation to reintegrate pupils back into the school environment.

### 3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Blackburn with Darwen will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

We would contact the local authority to request guidance for each individual case. Specifically, we would look to inform them of:

- Our arrangements and if they are 'suitable'
- How many days a child would need to be absent from school.

In extreme circumstances we would seek guidance from the Local Authority for children with long term sickness.

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 St. Gabriel's School. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

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

This policy links to the following policies:

- Medicines and Supporting Pupils in School with Medical Conditions
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions