The Ellesmere Port
C of E College



Children with health needs who cannot attend College

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Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend The Ellesmere Port Church of England College due to health needs.
- Pupils, staff, and parents understand what the College is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority.

Legislation and Guidance

- This policy reflects the requirements of the Education Act 1996. It also based on guidance provided by the Government: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-for-children-with-health-needs-who-cannot-attend-College
- This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

The Responsibilities of the College

If the College makes arrangements

Initially, the College will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children who cannot attend College for a period of 15 days or longer due to medically diagnosed health needs.

- The child's Head of Learning, working in conjunction with the SEND team and pastoral team will make arrangements for the child's education.
- This could include an adapted timetable, work being sent home, an adapted curriculum or a member of staff visiting the home.
- Decisions will always be made in conjunction with parents' wishes and with the guidance of outside agencies where relevant. Meetings will be held on a regular basis to set up and review provision.
- Children will be reintegrated back into College when appropriate, and may include an adapted curriculum, a modified timetable, support from the pastoral team, support from the SEND team.

Outside Agency Support and Advice

The College is committed to working in tandem with health care providers who will inform support, adaptations and modifications.

If the College has exhausted all school-based strategies, working alongside outside agency expertise and guidance, then further steps may be taken as part of our graduated response to needs.

This may include:

- Referral to the Medical Needs Team
- Referral to the SEND Team for an Education and Health Care Plan

All the above would be actioned in conjunction with the health care providers currently working with the child and further informed by parent and child voice. The College's intent is always, as far as possible, to offer re-integration back into mainstream school wherever possible.

When reintegration is anticipated, work with the outside agencies to:

- Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the College,

allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in College as far aspossible.

- Enable the pupil to stay in touch with College life (e.g., through Microsoft Teams, website, emails or invitations to College events)
- Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to College.
- Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually. At every review, it will be approved by the Trust Board.

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEND policy