



## Children with health needs who cannot attend school

**Review Period:** Annually

**Status:** Statutory

**Next Review:** Spring 2026

### **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

### **Legislation and guidance**

This policy is based on the following legislation:

- [Education Act 1996](#)
- [The Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#)

It is also based on the following statutory guidance from the DfE:

- [Alternative provision](#)
- [Arranging education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs](#)

It is also based on guidance provided by our local authority - Emotionally based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA)  
<https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/parents-and-carers/education-and-training/ebnsa>

### **The responsibilities of the school**

#### **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.

#### **2. If the local authority makes arrangements**

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, Surrey County Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children.

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
  - Make a full review of all provision in place including details of reasonable adjustments during the EHCP Annual Review process each year in attendance with the SENCO and SCC Case Officer
  - Hold an interim review if all reasonable adjustments/AP (e.g NUDGE) are deemed to not be beneficial and inform DSL

## Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the school. At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

## Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Medical Policy
- SEND policy
- KCSIE (Alternative Provision schools are still responsible for safeguarding pupils placed with an alternative provision provider in KCSIE 2024.
- SCC EBSNA <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/parents-and-carers/education-and-training/epsna>