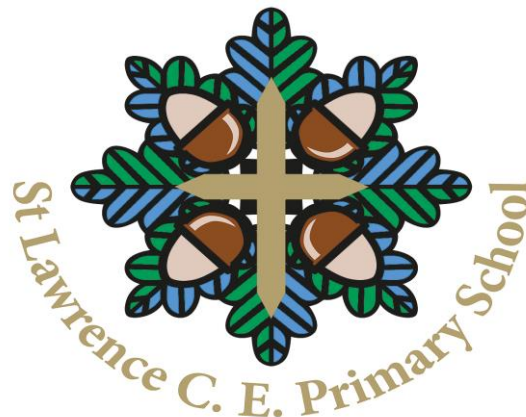


St Lawrence CE Primary School



Policy to support students with medical needs

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1. Background

From January 2013, statutory guidance has sort to clarify the role of the Local Authority in relation to children who cannot attend school for medical reasons:

Local authorities are responsible for arranging suitable full-time education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other pupils who – because of illness or other reasons – would not receive suitable education without such provision. This applies to all children of compulsory school age resident in the local authority area, whether or not they are on the roll of a school, and whatever type of school they attend.

2. Alternative Provision

A guide for Local Authorities, Head Teachers, and Governing Bodies of Schools, Pupil Referral Units and other providers of Alternative Provision – with effect from 1st January 2013.

There will be a wide range of circumstances where a child has a health need but will receive suitable education that meets their needs without the intervention of the LA – for example, where the child can still attend school with some support; where the school has made arrangements to deliver suitable education outside of school for the child; or where arrangements have been made for the child to be educated in a hospital by an on-site hospital school. We would not expect the LA to become involved in such arrangements unless it had reason to think that the education being provided to the child was not suitable or, while otherwise suitable, was not full-time or for the number of hours the child could benefit from without adversely affecting their health. This might be the case where, for example, the child can attend school but only intermittently.

The law does not specify the point during a child's illness when it becomes the LA's responsibility to secure for the child suitable full-time education. Schools would usually provide support to children who are absent from school because of illness for a shorter period, for example when experiencing chicken pox or influenza. In some cases, where a child is hospitalised, the hospital may provide education for the child within the hospital and the LA would not need to arrange any additional education, provided it is satisfied that the child is receiving suitable

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education. More generally, LAs should be ready to take responsibility for any child whose illness will prevent them from attending school for 15 or more school days, either in one absence or over the course of a school year, and where suitable education is not otherwise being arranged.

Furthermore this guidance also states that, The LA should:

- Have a named officer responsible for the education of children with additional health needs, and parents should know who that person is.*
- Have a written, publicly accessible policy statement on their arrangements to comply with their legal duty towards children with additional health needs. The policy should make links with related services in the area - for example, Special Educational Needs and Disability Services (SEND), Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Education Welfare/Attendance Improvement Services, educational psychologists, and, where relevant, school nurses.*
- Review the provision offered regularly to ensure that it continues to be appropriate for the child and that it is providing suitable education.*
- Have clear policies on the provision of education for children and young people under and over compulsory school age.*

3. Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs

Statutory guidance for local authorities, January 2013.

4. Belonging Regulations

The government have withdrawn the 'Belonging Regulations' from the DfE website. However, it is our understanding that the statutory responsibility for the educational provision for a child rests with the school and the authority where they are enrolled (and this is where the funding will go). The only exceptions to this are for Children in Care and children with Statements of SEN where the responsibility lies with the authority where they are resident.

5. Policy

5.1 Responsibility of the School at which the student is enrolled

In accordance with paragraphs on alternative provision above, it is the responsibility of the school at which the student is enrolled to provide suitable education for any child with medical needs in the first instance. This would include students who are absent for longer periods of time. Where possible this should be full time educational provision, however, it is recognised that where medical needs dictate, full time provision will not be appropriate for all students.

The Head Teacher will be responsible for coordinating the school work for the child, with the assistance of the relevant class teacher.

Telford and Wrekin Local Authority can provide advice to the school to help them find suitable support for each child. Responsibility of Telford and Wrekin Local Authority (the LA)

This applies to:

- Students who are enrolled in schools within Telford and Wrekin, except those who are in care to another authority those with a statement of SEN and are resident in another authority
- Students in care to Telford and Wrekin
- Students resident in Telford and Wrekin who have a statement of SEN and are educated outside of Telford and Wrekin.

In the first instance, the LA will ensure that schools provide suitable education for all children, including those with medical needs. Where the school is not providing suitable education, the LA will challenge that school to do so.

Where the child's medical condition dictates that they are in need of a period of time in Princess Royal Hospital, the LA shall provide tuition for the period of time the child is resident in the hospital.

Beyond the above, the LA will assess each case individually to ensure each child receives a suitable education.

5.1. Responsibility of Other Local Authorities

This applies to:

- Students who are resident in Telford and Wrekin but enrolled in schools outside Telford and Wrekin, except those who are in care to Telford and Wrekin those with a statement of SEN
- Students resident outside of Telford and Wrekin but enrolled in schools within Telford and Wrekin and who have a statement of SEN
- Students in care to an authority other than Telford and Wrekin

The funding for students follows their enrolment, to both the school and the Local Authority. Therefore, where a student is enrolled in a school outside of Telford and Wrekin, the responsibilities outlined in paragraphs above transfer to the school and the Local Authority where that child is educated.

Whilst Telford and Wrekin Local Authority will work with all schools within the borough to ensure suitable education for all children on roll, medical provision will be the responsibility of the Local Authority where that child is resident if that child has a statement of SEN. Similarly medical provision will be the responsibility of the 'home' Local Authority for any child in care.

6. Lead Officer

The Lead Officer for the education provision for children with medical needs is the Service Delivery Manager for Children's Specialist Services.

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