

Woodside Academy



Children with Health Needs Who Cannot Attend School Policy

Agreed by the Governing Body: December 2025

Objectives

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:

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

It is also based on the following statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE):

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

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

The Responsibilities of the School

Initially the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school. If the school cannot make suitable arrangements, Thurrock 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 outcome 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 individual reintegration plans for each child returning to school
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made

Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility Plan
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions