

Hartlebury Church of England Primary School



Medical Conditions Policy

'We grow in Christian values: learning together respecting each other.'

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Policy for the Education of children with Medical Needs

Policy Statement

The school will not treat children with medical problems less favourably for a reason relating to their disability or illness. The school will take 'reasonable steps' to ensure that disabled children or children with medical needs are not placed at a substantial disadvantage compared to their peers. The duty **does not**, however require schools to make adjustments to physical features or require schools to provide 'auxiliary aids'.

Responsibility

The head teacher is responsible for ensuring the educational needs of children with medical conditions are, where possible, met.

Introduction

The school community aspires to achieving the minimum standards of provision for children who may have specific medical needs. In striving to become an inclusive school, staff endeavours to cater for children's special educational needs, where appropriate resources are available. They recognise that at times any one of the children may have medical needs which need to be accommodated. Children in need may be suffering physical or mental health problems, or have a long term or terminal illness.

Objective

- Minimise disruption to normal schooling by continuing education as normally as the incapacity allows;
- Recognise children with medical problems entitlement to inclusion in all aspects of school life wherever possible;
- Develop a strategy to adapt the accommodation facilities of the school for children with medical problems;
- Liaise with appropriate agencies to facilitate an effective response to the needs of children with medical problems.

Working Together

It is important that there is good communication and co-operation between home and school ensures there is a dialogue concerning a child's needs. The school nurse through the Worcester PCT service offers support to the school and will advise on addressing the needs of specific children. The Home Teaching Service can be contacted through the Parent Partnership Department of the LA. The work of the schools Attendance Officer supported by the Education Welfare Officer is crucial in ensuring attendance issues are addressed and that no child 'falls through the net'. The school has rigorous procedures that address attendance when it is a cause for concern. Administration staff and teaching staff monitor absence closely and absences where the cause is unknown are investigated.

Procedure

The schools Attendance Officer will notify the class teacher if a child is likely to be away from school due to medical needs for more than 6 working days. In the first instance the Attendance Officer will liaise with the child's teacher to ensure work is available for the child to complete at home, if this is appropriate. If an absence is likely to be for an extended period and there is concern regarding the schools ability to provide suitable provision the Home Teaching Service will be contacted. The Head teacher, in consultation with the child's class teacher and SENCO will continue to advise on a suitable programme of work for the child.

Continuity of Provision and Reintegration

Contact will be made with the appropriate education provider regarding the child's capabilities, progress and programmes of work. Access to school assessments and records of achievement will be made available as promptly as possible to facilitate continuity of education. Where a child may not be able to return to school because of a medical condition the class teacher will ensure contact is maintained for example letters from peers. The head teacher (as the named person) will liaise with other agencies and parents to ensure reintegration into school, is made as smooth as possible.

Further Development

This policy is based on the DFE Statutory Guidance Document 'Access to Education for children and young people with Medical Needs': November 2001.

This policy will be reviewed annually

The next review is due January, 2017