

**TOYNTON-ALL-SAINTS
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Children with health needs who cannot attend school

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1. 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

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

3. The responsibilities of the school

This document sets out how Lincolnshire Children's Services will support Lincolnshire pupils who are unable to access their usual place of learning due to illness or injury. This policy therefore applies to all pupils who are resident in Lincolnshire including those who attend school outside of the county boundary.

The Department of Education " Ensuring a good education for children who cannot attend school because of health needs" January 2013 provides guidance to schools and Local Authorities on their duties towards pupils with health needs and states that:

"LAs are responsible for arranging suitable full-time education for children of compulsory school age who, because of illness, would not receive suitable education without such provision. This applies whether or not the child is on the roll of a school and whatever the type of school they attend. It applies to children who are pupils in Academies, Free Schools, special schools and independent schools as well as those in maintained schools."

It is recognised that, wherever possible, supporting a pupil to continue to attend their designated school provides the best possible outcome, enabling access to a broad and balanced curriculum. Maintaining relationships with peers and staff and fostering a sense of belonging are significant protective factors for children and young people. Lincolnshire Children's Services have therefore established a graduated response to providing for pupils with health needs, underpinned by the fundamental principle that pupils are supported to remain in their local school wherever possible.

When seeking to support a pupil and their family through a period of long term or recurring ill health schools should always offer a Child and Family Early help Assessment to the parent.

3.1 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.

3.2 If the local authority makes arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, **the Local Authority** 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

4. Monitoring arrangements

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

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

Accessibility plan

Supporting pupils with medical conditions

USEFUL RESOURCES

- **Healthy Minds** advice line - **tel: 01522 309120**
- For support in school with Anxiety led School refusal, including PSP support please email lincs.spa@nhs.net

Pupil Reintegration Team

- PRT@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- 01522 555798/07798 512085 (North Lincolnshire)
01522 555816/07996 994940 (South Lincolnshire)
- Pupil Reintegration Team, Lincolnshire Children's Services, Room 141D, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln, LN1 1YQ

Inclusion and Attendance Team.

Email attendance@lincolnshire.gov.uk

SEND Team

- Lincoln/West Lindsey - 01522 552847 LWL_SendLocality@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- East Lindsey - 01522 552838 EAL_SendLocality@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- North Kesteven/South Kesteven - 01522 553345
NKSK_SendLocality@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- Boston/South Holland - 01522 552197 BSH_SendLocality@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Young Minds

- Helpline: 0808 802 5544
- www.youngminds.org.uk

Kooth www.Kooth.com

The Mix

- Helpline: 0808 808 4994
- www.themix.org.uk/mental-health