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Mill Lane Policy for 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 found in the Kirklees SEND Local Offer:

<https://www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk/information-and-advice/education-for-excluded-children-and-those-who-cannot-attend-school-alternative-provision-ap/education-for-young-people-who-are-too-ill-to-attend-school/#:~:text=Kirklees%20Council%20has%20the%20overall,in%20Key%20stages%201%20%2D%204.>

3.1 The responsibility of the school

School should refer using a Kirklees SPR form and provide supporting medical evidence from a consultant if:

- The pupil has an illness that will result in 15+day absence
- The pupil has a potentially long term illness or recurrent bouts of chronic illness
- The pupil has complex needs

The school will use the referral form and guidance found at:

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3.2 The responsibility of the LA

The LA has overall responsibility for the education of children with health and medical needs who cannot attend school. responsible for arranging suitable education for these children. Ethos College provides education for children who are unable to attend school because of physical or mental health needs to children in kS1-4. Education provided by Ethos is usually short term with the pupils' duel registered. 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, school will work with Ethos and 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 Christine Barlow (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:

- Equality Policy which includes our Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEND Information Report