



Children with Health Needs who Cannot Attend School Policy

Ratified by Trust Board:

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Signed on behalf of Trust Board:

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Signed by Chief Executive Officer:

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Next Review Date:

Oct 2021

Policy Aims

This policy outlines the procedures Trust schools follow to provide continuity of quality education provision for students who cannot attend school due to health needs.

Legislation and Guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the:

- [Education Act 1996](#).
- **Education for children with health needs who cannot attend school:** Statutory guidance for local authorities and departmental advice for others ensuring children with health needs receive education

It also complies with Local Authority guidance and our funding agreement and articles of association.

Definitions

Medical conditions: Refers to both physical as well as mental health conditions.

Tracks: Is a mental health PRU run by Bradford LA for students who are unable to attend mainstream schools due to their needs. Tracks also oversee the provision for the Home Tuition of students.

Responsibilities of the School

The SENCO is responsible for coordinating provision for all students who can't attend school for health reasons.

Short-Term Absence

Where students are out of school for a short period of up to 15 consecutive days, schools will make provision for relevant work to be sent home so that the disruption to their education is minimised. This work will be marked and assessment for learning feedback provided, so that they can progress their learning in a similar way to their peers in the school. This will be supplemented, where relevant, by online tuition and resources or input from external agencies.

Long Term Absence

If the absence is more than 15 days, or is expected to be for more than 15 days, a referral will be made to the Local Authority Home Tuition service. In liaison with the home school and parents/carers, the Home Tuition service will arrange for appropriate education provision at the student's home address. This provision will be monitored on an ongoing basis, including weekly reports and formal termly reviews involving all parties to ensure that quality of service and provision is maintained.

Reviews will also help to inform whether the student is ready to resume education at the home school, remain in home tuition or move to provision through Tracks PRU. Moves to Tracks PRU may be short term or permanent moves where they may be removed from the roll of the Trust home school.

Hospital Tuition

Students who spend time in either Calderdale or Bradford Royal Infirmary will also be offered tuition, if fit and able to access this provision during their stay. The home school will liaise with the hospital school throughout their stay to provide relevant and appropriately differentiated work, any relevant information about the student to support their effective education during the stay, and to ensure an effective transition back in to school.